Yahoo Group Archive: p_o_t_a_

Yahoo Group summary: Parks On The Air (P.O.T.A.)

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1. I live next to Sahm Park in Indianapolis, IN (USA)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-15 21:23:15 UTC
From: k9jri@att.net
Topic: 1 Message: 1

Sahm Park is an Indianapolis, IN (USA) city park complete with a picnic area, shelter houses, a small woods, multi game Soccer field, Olympic sized pool and an 18 hole golf course. It is on the NE corner of the city.

I am not sure that it will make the list but I will have it on the air with my PFR-3A anyway :)

73 - Mike - K9JRI

2. New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-15 21:37:56 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 2 Message: 2

Welcome folks, glad to see you here...
Lets make this a fun group and have fun operating in the great Parks that our States and Provinces and Countries have given to us....

Fred
VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

3. Re: I live next to Sahm Park in Indianapolis, IN (USA)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-15 21:45:08 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 1 Message: 3

Mike:

We may split the group up if possible to include City Parks with maybe different awards and incentives...This is still new so who knows where we will go with this...
I ski in the Parks in the winter months, so maybe like SOTA, bonus points are awarded for the inclimate weather etc....how about water wings and a radio???
Our VE3 SOTA association is awaiting approval, I am SOTA manager for this area of Northwestern Ontario so have Parks, Summits and Railroad Cabooses to activate.....

Fred VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "k9jri@..." <k9jri@...> wrote:
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4. Wow-COTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-15 22:23:46 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 4 Message: 4

Wow, what a concept, Cemetaries on the Air, kinda creepy.....
Great for Halloween....

Fred
VE3FAL

5. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-15 22:29:23 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 5

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Mississippi State Parks.xlsx
Uploaded by : rdrand <don.rand@...>
Description : State Parks in Mississippi

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Mississippi%20State%20Parks.xlsx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

rdrand <don.rand@...>

6. Mississippi State Parks (includes National Parks)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-15 22:38:11 UTC
From: RobertR
Topic: 6 Message: 6

What a concept. This could keep us busy for years and years. I have posted a listing of all the state and National parks in Mississippi. It is in the Files section. They are "clickable" links that will take you to a map and description of the park. I live in the DeSoto National Forest Park.

A suggestion for a numbering scheme might be by Grid, but the 8 grid version, for example, I am located at EM51je59 (lat 31.12.19 lon 89.12.16). Plug that into any of the Maidenhead grid calculators on the intenet and you will find me. Within about 136 meters accuracy.

Don Rand
KA5DON
DeSoto National Forest

7. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Wow-COTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-15 22:38:54 UTC
From: Chuck
Topic: 4 Message: 7

Lots of old cemeteries in the state and federal parks down in this area.
There are 2 near me that i go to in the middle of a forest near here
from the 1800's. Really nice quiet places for QRP with tall trees :-)

On Wed, 2010-09-15 at 22:23 +0000, fred wrote:

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8. On the air this weekend from Rideau River Provincial Park, ON

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 00:04:32 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 8 Message: 8

Hello to everyone.

I will be on the air this weekend from Rideau River Provincial Park, located as the name says,
on the Rideau River south of Ottawa near Kemptville Ontario. Our local QRP group is having our almost-annual camping weekend and a few of us will be on the air for QRP Afield, QCWA Fall Sprint and possibly the Feld Hell Sprint as well on Saturday. We will be camping on Friday and Saturday nights. I also plan to bring along one of my Bugs so I will occasionally be calling CQ on the SKCC frequencies as well.

Michael VE3WMB

9. Re: On the air this weekend from Rideau River Provincial Park, ON

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 00:07:26 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 8 Message: 9

Way to go Michael....Looks like we got ourselves a group now.....
Later
Fred
VE3FAL

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10. Parks ?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 02:47:41 UTC
From: pileupjunkie
Topic: 10 Message: 10

I live just a few miles from where Washington had the big Princeton,NJ battle.(PRINCETON BATTLE GROUNDS)
I'm even closer to where colored troop (C) soldiers are buried and have the OK to operate there.
BOB
AF2Q

11. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 11:39:32 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 11

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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File : /Tx Parks List.pdf
Uploaded by : w5usj <w5usj@...>
Description : Texas State Parks List

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http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Tx%20Parks%20List.pdf

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

w5usj <w5usj@...>

12. This note from Randy KB4QQJ

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 12:37:44 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 12 Message: 12

Hi Fred,
I can't post to the new group yet, but we are having a Special Event station this weekend from the Park here in Burlington, NC celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Dentzel Carousel. It is listed in QST.
You can read about them here. http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/index.aspx?nid=232
I'll be operating CW and we will have SSB as well. The club call is K4EG, but I will answer and exchange with any club or numbers that I have.
The Burlington Dentzel Carousel has the honor of being on the National Register of Historic Places, and having been given a plaque from the National Carousel Association in recognition of the restoration and preservation project, Burlington's historic Dentzel carousel, one of only a few left operating from that era. William Dentzel, III, great nephew of William Dentzel (whose shop carved the Burlington, NC, Dentzel) will join us and others as they show pictures from the past and relay information about how and where and by whom our carousel was made so long ago! Bill Dentzel will be on hand at various times on Saturday to sign Festival programs and any pictures.

Fred VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

13. Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 13:00:30 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 13 Message: 13

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Fred VE3FAL

14. County Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 13:09:49 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 14 Message: 14

It can be broken down into Counties as well if we wanted to break things up a bit too. My closest neighbour is Cook County Minnesota, a quick jump into the truck and I could activate the following.
Parks in Cook County include:
Arrowhead Park (1),
Judge C R Magney State Park (2),
Kadunce River State Park (3),
Kadunce Wayside Recreation Site (4),
Grand Portage National Monument (5),
Grand Portage State Park (6),
Ray Berglund Wayside and Recreation Site (7).

Read more: http://www.city-data.com/county/Cook_County-MN.html#ixzz0zhIcVmgr

The wayside rests would not qualify as a Park I dont think, but this is just an example. 4 Stae Parks in Cook County for sure, and I know that s you take MN#1 West every 30 miles there is a new State Park...

Fred
VE3FAL

15. Parks Vs. SRA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 13:21:25 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 15 Message: 15

I have just uploeaded a list of Minnesota State Parks from the DNR webpage. Some of these areas are noted as SRA or State Recreational Areas, not sure just how they would fit into the bill, but I know that along Hwy 61 South many of these SRA's have beautiful rest stops, picnic benches and hiking trails...

Fred
VE3FAL

16. Parks Vs. SRA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 14:03:44 UTC
From: Schley Cox
Topic: 15 Message: 16

If it has some trees, maybe a picnic table or two, a scenic vista or a historical connection, it's a park. I won't worry about a definition nearly as much as I will about finding some time to go to a "park" with my HB-1A, a key and an antenna before the Kentucky winter arrives. Also, this is a very good way to meet non-amateurs and spread the gospel of cw and ham radio. I'm seeing a very small amplified speaker in my future.

Hope to talk to you soon from under a tree.

Cap, W4AMW

17. Re: Parks Vs. SRA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 14:23:29 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 15 Message: 17

In the winter months most or many of our Parks up here in Northwestern Ontario are groomed for cross country skiing, picnic tables are still in the parks and getting to some of the nature trails is better on skiis then it is walking....

Fred
VE3FAL

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18. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 14:55:57 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 13 Message: 18

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for example. tomoka state park here could be fl/vol/01 or some variant thereof...

just my tuppence worth.

charlie
ai4ri

19. New to the group

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 16:29:26 UTC
From: David
Topic: 19 Message: 19

Fred, I am glad to see this new group. Our country has some beautiful places, and while we all think those places close to our home are not that interesting to others, they really are. I'm seen SW Missouri for 67 years and know almost every road, but its new to someone else. So, I hope everyone will post a lot of pictures. It is always nice to see what others are doing and the radios they set up, etc.

It is easy to view these nice photos and get away from home without ever having to leave the computer. Those of us that still have our mobility don't always realize what a few nice photos, even they we may think they are amateurish, will mean to someone that can't get out "To See The USA".

Lets get after it!
Dave W0DLR 73

20. Unique idenfication of parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 18:03:28 UTC
From: Oz
Topic: 13 Message: 20

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Oz AC0IF

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21. Welcome all Newbies

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-16 18:25:26 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 21 Message: 21

Been very busy approving folks who want to join the group. Hello to Brian as well who is now onboard with us on the site.
Thanks for all who have made comments and suggestions.
I also would like to welcome my neighbour to the South Brian NF0G in Minnesota as well who was the latest to join...

Cheers
Fred
VE3FAL

22. Saturday in the Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 01:17:57 UTC
From: va3rcs
Topic: 22 Message: 22

Not sure what the band conditons will be like but the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (www.oarc.net)will be setting a demonstration station in St Lukes Park in downtown Ottawa this Saturday (Sept 18) Setup will start at 0900 and hopefully we will be operating before 10am and scheduled to run through to 12 noon (all times are Eastern Daylight Savings)

I will be there with a FT817 along with a buddistick (10-40m) and an 80m hustler resonator (take off the buddistick coil and replace with the hustler resonator for 80m) There will be several stations set up some QRP and some QRO operating from the park.

Frequencies depending on band conditions but I will try and spot the working frequencies of the QRP Stations on QRPSPOTS.

73bob
VA3QV and VA3RCS
http://va3qv.wordpress.com

23. Welcome

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 03:41:16 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 23 Message: 23

Welcome to many of my Maplecon friends, and to Yimin as well as Gerry, you will love that HB1A out portable Gerry....

Fred
VE3FAL

24. Re: Unique idenfication of parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 03:43:41 UTC
From: ve3fal
Topic: 13 Message: 24

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Fred
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25. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 04:03:25 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 25

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Parks On The Air (Possible Goals).doc
Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
Description : Parks On The Air (Goals, targets, objectives,fun fun fun)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Parks%20On%20The%20Air%20%28Possible%20Goals%29.doc

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Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

26. Special Event Operation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 09:20:32 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 26 Message: 26

SPECIAL EVENT OPERATION

Hello the Group,

My local club, K4EG, will be hosting a Special Event station this weekend from the Park here in Burlington, NC. We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Dentzel Carousel featured in the park. I'll be working CW around these frequencies and up or down (out of the way) of the QRP frequencies. We will be operating SSB as well. There will be several CW organizational numbers to exchange if you request it. QRS is PERFECTLY OK and ENCOURAGED!!

Operating times will be 1300z 18-September till 2200z 19-September.

CW - 3.555 - 7.055 - 14.055 - 21.055 - 28.055 - 18.075

SSB - 3.850 - 7.250 - 14.250 - 21.350 - 28.450 ☐ 18.115

The club call is K4EG, and I will answer and exchange with any organizational numbers that I have.

There will be a nice QSL card featuring photos of the Carousel for an SASE.

The Burlington Dentzel Carousel has the honor of being on the National Register of Historic Places, and has been given a plaque from the National Carousel Association in recognition of the restoration and preservation project of the Dentzel Carousel, one of only a few left operating from that era. William Dentzel, III, great nephew of William Dentzel (whose shop carved the Burlington, NC, Dentzel) will join others and us as they show pictures from the past and relay information about how and where and by whom our carousel was made so long ago!

You can read about the festival here.

http://www.carouselnews.com/New-Carousel-News/Septermber-2010/Burlingtons-Historic-Carousel-Festival-Includes-Dentzel-Museum-Exhibit-554.html

Thanks for the band space and I hope to work some of you this weekend.

BCNU,

Randy_KB4QQJ

27. City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 12:10:07 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 27 Message: 27

Just as a bit of an FYI, Thunder Bay has :
The City of Thunder Bay is proud to maintain a large acreage of open spaces for the pleasure and recreation of the community. The Parks Division is responsible for 124 parks throughout the City as well as 32 kilometres of paved recreation trails and public trees on boulevards.
Not counting a Dog Park...
I only mention this as it has come up earlier while this group was getting started.

Fred
VE3FAL

28. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 12:14:48 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 28

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Canadian National Parks.doc
Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
Description : Canadian National Parks

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http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Canadian%20National%20Parks.doc

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Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

29. Re: Unique idenfication of parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 13:02:56 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 13 Message: 29

For what it is worth, ARLHS (The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society) uses a consecutive numbering system per country. They have some specific criteria that need to be met before a new light is accepted and given a number (i.e. must be an active navigation aid or formerly active and now a museum, can't be just a pillar with a light attached etc).
I am not sure what kind of criteria you would use for a park though (must have a sign with the name ?? .... not sure).

So for instance ARLHS CAN-865 Cape North LightHouse (old) is used to designate the Cape North Museum Light here in Ottawa at the Museum of Science and Tech.

I can see with the number of parks out there that this could easily become an administrative nightmare.

Perhaps the easiest way to administer is to use the online database capability of Yahoo Group to create a list (or lists per country). That way group members can add parks to the DB themselves. I would suggest maybe a consecutive numbering scheme .. so a new park gets the next available number, followed by the park name, maybe GPS coordinates and possibly a URL if a web page exists.

One other option is as Oz suggested the park doesn't get an official designator until it has been "activated" once (i.e. someone does an outing and makes at least 5 QSOs).
I think that this sort of scheme is used by the US/CAN Islands Program.
That would at least keep the size of the list to something reasonable as the number of parks out there is pretty large.

I think it might be worthwhile to look at ARLHS, IOTA, Canadian/US Islands and any other groups that people can think of and see how they are all handling the numbering issue and then propose a few options and have a poll in the group to decide how to proceed.

I can do some of this legwork if needed.

Cheers,

Michael VE3WMB

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30. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 13:09:22 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 13 Message: 30

On Thu, 2010-09-16 at 13:00 +0000, fred wrote:
>

Numbers could get out of hand for exchanges over time as this grows, given the large number of state/provincial parks as well as city and county parks around the planet.

While getting out into *any* park for operating is a great idea and should be encouraged, especially with the increased contact with the public in city or county parks, you still may want to think about limiting this to state/provincial and national parks or recreation areas.

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31. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 13:16:19 UTC
From: David Rust
Topic: 13 Message: 31

Do we need a numbering system? Why not just work W0DLR portable at Bull Shoals Lake Mill Creek Park? Be a lot easier. Afterall its just for fun. You know the old KISS thing. The participant could also just announce from time to time we are operating Parks on The Air.

Just my 02cents worth
Dave W0DLR
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32. Numbering TX State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 13:34:02 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 32 Message: 32

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Any new parks that are added (unlikely?) would be at the end of the list and not alphebetical.

33. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering TX State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 13:53:22 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 32 Message: 33

Chuck:
I tend to agree with you on this one. And I was tempted to do the same thing with my list of Northwestern Ontario Parks.
I too think it should be kept to State,Provincial and National Parks.
If City Parks are to be done maybe that could be a seperate group again.
Yes this is for fun, but people also like to have goals and targets in much of what they do.

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34. Re: [p_o_t_a_] City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 14:24:06 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 27 Message: 34

Sounds fun Fred,
Burlington has a similar set up and maintains three lakes for water sports as well. I'll include them in the list if it becomes eligible for awards and activations. This sounds like it can become a really active group.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/17/2010 8:10:35 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, ve3fal@... writes:

Just as a bit of an FYI, Thunder Bay has :
The City of Thunder Bay is proud to maintain a large acreage of open spaces for the pleasure and recreation of the community. The Parks Division is responsible for 124 parks throughout the City as well as 32 kilometres of paved recreation trails and public trees on boulevards.
Not counting a Dog Park...
I only mention this as it has come up earlier while this group was getting started.

Fred
VE3FAL

35. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 14:38:30 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 13 Message: 35

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36. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 14:54:15 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 13 Message: 36

On Fri, Sep 17, 2010 at 9:09 AM, Pete Spotts <w1pns@...> wrote:

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I would like to see city parks included for "major" cities -- perhaps define
that with a minimum population.

I'm currently living in NYC, and am moving up to the Boston area this
weekend. It'd be nice to include, for instance, Central Park or Prospect
Park in NYC in this program, or the Boston Common. Plus it encourages city
rats like me to get out and get on the air more.

-chris N2YYZ

37. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 15:04:56 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 13 Message: 37

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38. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 15:07:12 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 13 Message: 38

25 QSO's not 25 activations. I don't think 25 is too many for a City park.
Like I said, "in part"

I like the sequential numbering idea the best. NC-oo1, NC-002 etc

In a message dated 9/17/2010 11:05:02 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
w5usj@... writes:

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39. Greetings from FN25

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Date: 2010-09-17 15:21:38 UTC
From: va3rcs
Topic: 39 Message: 39

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Activation contacts could be on any amateur band in any amateur mode but NO REPEATERS

In order to be fair I would like to suggest 5 HF Contacts or a combination of 10 contacts on vhf or hf. Once again to stress NO REPEATERS.

As we are doing this for fun the KISS Idea should come into play but we need some basic rules but nothing a lawyer is needed to figure out.

That my friends is the opinion from the loudmouthed guy in the cheap seats....

Also as a reminder I will be active from St Lukes Park in downtown Ottawa on Saturday from 10am to noon EDST giving a hf portable qrp demonstration with the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (www.oarc.net). given the time of day most likely will be on 40m and 80m but you never know. If you follow QRPSPOTS you might see the frequencies listed if I can get it to work right...

73bob
VA3QV and VA3RCS
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40. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 15:52:49 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 13 Message: 40

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41. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 15:57:28 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 13 Message: 41

Hey Fred

I can help out with that, setting up a page for activations.

I hear those guys at WebQTH.com are fantastic hosts :)

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
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42. Re: Greetings from FN25

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 16:30:43 UTC
From: KB3CNV
Topic: 39 Message: 42

I LIKE THE GENERAL APPROACH YOU ARE TAKING.
I however don't do anything but vhf/uhf.
One of the reasons I liked SOTA was there did not appear to differentiate between freq for activation.
I personally feel this is a important issue.

I do think repeater should be wrong as that makes the game to easy.
I was up on ski resort last winter and it was tough to make any contacts with 2m as seems like no was listening.

I had borrowed a ft-817 and tried 2m ssb and then I made a contact.

So I believe that and mode and freq legal for ham use should be fine and all contacts should count the same.

Thanks

DENNIS
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> In order to be fair I would like to suggest 5 HF Contacts or a combination of 10 contacts on vhf or hf. Once again to stress NO REPEATERS.
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> As we are doing this for fun the KISS Idea should come into play but we need some basic rules but nothing a lawyer is needed to figure out.
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> That my friends is the opinion from the loudmouthed guy in the cheap seats....
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> Also as a reminder I will be active from St Lukes Park in downtown Ottawa on Saturday from 10am to noon EDST giving a hf portable qrp demonstration with the Ottawa Amateur Radio Club (www.oarc.net). given the time of day most likely will be on 40m and 80m but you never know. If you follow QRPSPOTS you might see the frequencies listed if I can get it to work right...
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> 73bob
> VA3QV and VA3RCS
> http://va3qv.wordpress.com
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43. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering TX State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 16:46:43 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 32 Message: 43

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From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering TX State Parks
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44. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 17:25:19 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 32 Message: 44

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45. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering Parks, Grid "Squares"

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 18:22:58 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 45 Message: 45

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46. RE: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 18:24:44 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 13 Message: 46

How about using Grid Square designators as the prefex for the parks:

EL87## Fort Desoto Park
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_ft_desoto.htm>

The "##" is the small letters of the grid designator.

If there are more than one park in that grid then the name would change
as well as maybe the '##'.

Parks can then be looked up according to Grid Aquare.

N4NSS Kyle

47. List of State Parks URL

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 18:25:53 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 47 Message: 47

Here's what might be a good source of parks for each state.

http://www.stateparks.com/usa.html

I'd found another one that seemed to be better, but can't find it again. That one also included parks in the provinces. The one above has all the parks I'd found earlier.

48. Numbering VS Operating

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-17 23:02:00 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 48 Message: 48

I am going to focus on just activating some of the Provincial Parks in my area.
I am withing 30 minutes of at least 5 Provincial Parks and about 1 hour from at least 3 or 4 more...
I will let teh numbering thing sit on idel for now, and as I activate or someone else activates Parks in the area I will post all logs and those worked in the files section along with the Park Identity.
I will also place a notice on the group when an activation is going to take place.

Fred
VE3FAL

49. Colorado National Monument

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 01:55:29 UTC
From: Doug S
Topic: 49 Message: 49

Hey All,
I will be on the air backpack portable 9/18, 16:00Z-20:00Z or so, at:
14.342.5mhz,usb.Colorado National Monument, QRP FT817/Ham Stick.
73
Doug n0lay

50. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering TX State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 02:58:31 UTC
From: Warren Rowe
Topic: 32 Message: 50

I have a suggestion for using city parks if it's decided that city parks could be a group separate from state and national parks, etc:

Use a designator that shows whether the park is a state, national, provincial or county/city park. For example, Murphy Park (located in Taylor, Texas...where I live) could be given a number such as TXC-001, meaning that this park is a city or county park, hence the C in TXC. TXS could denote a state park, TXN for national parks, CANP for provincial (for Canada), and so on. Now that I think about it, couldn't a similar setup be used for countries outside the US/Canada/Mexico perhaps?

It might be a little extreme, but at least it's a way to show what kind of park the entity is. My own two cents' worth for the benefit of the group.

Warren Rowe, WR1TX
Taylor, Texas

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51. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering Parks, Grid "Squares"

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 03:01:59 UTC
From: Warren Rowe
Topic: 45 Message: 51

What about parks that cover more than one grid? Denali National Park in
Alaska comes to mind. Yellowstone National Park is another, Big Bend
National Park...

Warren, WR1TX

On Fri, Sep 17, 2010 at 1:22 PM, Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@...> wrote:

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52. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Welcome all Newbies

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 03:33:39 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 21 Message: 52

I just want to add my welcome also. I have been occupied over the past few days and am just now catching up on all the postings. I offer my heartfelt thanks to Fred for getting this group up and running. He's done a tremendous job of not only creating the group but posting information as well!

The idea of Parks on the Air has certainly taken off to a degree that I would not have imagined. It's fantastic to hear the enthusiasm expressed in these posts as well as the willingness of so many of you to help with the effort.

Please be sure to spread the word about this group and the POTA idea in general. The more people involved in activating parks the more fun we'll all enjoy!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

Been very busy approving folks who want to join the group. Hello to Brian as well who is now onboard with us on the site.
Thanks for all who have made comments and suggestions.
I also would like to welcome my neighbour to the South Brian NF0G in Minnesota as well who was the latest to join...

Cheers
Fred
VE3FAL

53. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Saturday in the Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 03:41:31 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 22 Message: 53

Bob, I'll be looking for you on the air tomorrow.
 73, Brian WB9QVR

Frequencies depending on band conditions but I will try and spot the working frequencies of the QRP Stations on QRPSPOTS.

73bob
VA3QV and VA3RCS

54. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Unique idenfication of parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 03:50:47 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 13 Message: 54

I think it is a good idea to have a numbering system of some sort just to make the parks easy to reference in the database and shorten the exchange when possible.

I am in favor of keeping the numbering simple but hopefully we can come up with a consistent naming scheme. To that end I'll just throw out an idea. Personally I would like to see a system that has a country designator along with some sort of indicator for national, state/province, county or other local park and then just a sequential number. For example:

US-N-001 for the first US national park
CN-N-001 for the first Canadian national park
US-IN-001 for the first Indiana state park
CN-ON-001 for the first Ontario provincial park
US-IN-L001 for the first county, city or other regional park

My thought is that we would want to have separate categories of parks for those individuals who wish to work a particular class of park. We could then have a certificate for those who work all US national parks or for all the parks in a particular state or province. Again, I don't want to get too carried away with the numbering scheme but I think having something a bit more meaningful than just a sequential number is a good idea.

Other thoughts?
73, Brian WB9QVR

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From: ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thu, September 16, 2010 10:43:41 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Unique idenfication of parks

I agree we do need a numbering system only to cross reference and make life easier during that activation instead of spelling out the Park name each and every QSO you make.
I think the same numbers can be used for any area be it county, state, national...They still exist in the grand scheme of things .

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Oz" <ac0if@...> wrote:
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> We do need a unique naming scheme for parks, and not so easy to arrive at.
>Maybe a very simple scheme: each park gets a number as it is activated. That
>requires no planning and no thought, and puts the burden of identification of
>the park on the first activator - which is a good place for the burden to rest.

> Oz AC0IF
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> --- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Charles \"AI4RI\" Blackburn" <ai4ri@> wrote:
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> > fred wrote:
> > > Not sure what or how to number such Parks. But I am going to start
>numbering the Northwestern Ontario Parks as ON# as they are activated, I will
>leave the list in alphabetical order but change or add the numbers as they are
>activated. This will help with finding the parks and the sheet will also serve
>as a checklist I would hope.
> > > I have been going through so many various scenarios for awards etc...when
>it comes to working these Parks, and it is really endless....
> > > I will post in file form at some point today some of my ideas.
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> > like i said in the hfpack group, i propose a state/county+park
> > numbering system...
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> > that would make it easier when we get our website up and running for
> > searching.....
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> > for example. tomoka state park here could be fl/vol/01 or some
> > variant thereof...
> > >
> > just my tuppence worth.
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> > charlie
> > ai4ri
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55. Re: [p_o_t_a_] City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 03:53:31 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 27 Message: 55

Fred, that's quite a number of parks for a city the size of Thunder Bay! I assume that one of them is named for Paul Shaffer! :)
 73, Brian WB9QVR

Just as a bit of an FYI, Thunder Bay has :
The City of Thunder Bay is proud to maintain a large acreage of open spaces for the pleasure and recreation of the community. The Parks Division is responsible for 124 parks throughout the City as well as 32 kilometres of paved recreation trails and public trees on boulevards.

Not counting a Dog Park...
I only mention this as it has come up earlier while this group was getting started.

Fred
VE3FAL

56. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Greetings from FN25

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 04:05:06 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 39 Message: 56

Dennis, I agree with you. My personal thought is that it shouldn't matter what band you use. If a person has only 2m FM gear and wants to activate a POTA entity I don't see why that would be an issue.

As others have said I think that POTA activations should be limited to direct (non-repeated) RF contacts between the activator and the working stations. I have nothing against repeaters, EchoLink, IRLP or any other similar mode but I don't think such contacts really meet the spirit of POTA. That's just my thought though - others may disagree.
 73, Brian WB9QVR

So I believe that and mode and freq legal for ham use should be fine and all contacts should count the same.

Thanks

DENNIS
KB3CNV

57. POTA Thoughts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 04:39:39 UTC
From: wb9qvr
Topic: 57 Message: 57

Again, thanks everyone for joining this group. The speed at which this has all come together is quite amazing!

In thinking about what it might take to have Parks on the Air be semi-organized and enjoyable I came up with the list of general topics for discussion below. To be honest I have never been involved in administerng any kind of OTA entity so I am certainly no expert on the subject. If those of you have more experience with such things please feel free to share your ideas and experiences so we can all learn from them. I also think POTA should be what its participants want it to be rather than have some administrative body dictate rules. That being the case things will probably change over time as we learn what we're doing. Again, everyone's input is valuable!

1. Park Numbering - Obviously this topic has already been discussed quite a bit. I've seen ideas ranging from structured numbering systems to no numbering system at all. Given the large amount of discussion and the fact that we don't want to have to redo the system later (if in fact we number the parks at all) it's clear that we need to make a decision on this subject. Obviously the first question is - do we want a numbering system? If the answer is yes then the next question is - what format should be used? I don't personally know of a good way to have people 'vote' so perhaps it's best to just have people post their thoughts and we'll count them as votes. As noted above I'm certainly open to other suggestions.

2. Awards - Do we want to offer any kind of awards? Obviously we don't have any money to put toward real prizes (unless a generous benefactor wishes to do so - hint hint) but perhaps we could have certificates for various levels of participation. For the activators (those who activate the parks) we could have a certificate for operating from a specified number of parks to recognize their efforts. On the other side (those who collect the park activations) perhaps we could have something like 'Worked All US National Parks' or 'Worked All Ontario Provincial Parks'. Perhaps we should just leave it to the activator to send out a QSL card (maybe a stack of post cards from the park gift shop?) in lieu of any other kind of award. Again, I'm just throwing out ideas. We don't necessarily have to have awards at all - I just want to get the input of others.

3. A Web Page - we have an offer for someone to host a POTA web page so this item may be covered already. The Yahoo group is great for discussions but it would seem that general information (including the database of activations) might be best on a web page.

4. The Parks Database - I would like to see us pre-populate a database with at least the US and Canadian national and state parks. We don't necessarily have to assign numbers at this point but I'd like to see a list of parks so that people could peruse it and perhaps choose a park they'd like to activate. I've aready started building a list (as have others) so I think putting together this initial list really wouldn't be a huge effort. Also - should we allow everyone to update the database on their own or should that be left to a central group of folks? I can see advantages and disadvantages to both approaches.

5. Rules - We obviously don't want to restrict the activities too much but there should be at least a framework surrouning POTA activations so there is some consistency. We can draw

upon similar groups such as IOTA, SOTA and RRDOTA for ideas. If you have any specific ideas about what to do please feel free to post them.

Those are some broad categories that have come to mind. Again, pass along your ideas. I'm really looking forward to working Parks on the Air and activating a few myself!

58. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Colorado National Monument

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 05:39:50 UTC
From: Ron [W5RCM]
Topic: 49 Message: 58

Beautiful park, I was just there a few weeks ago. I'll be listening for ya.

--
72, Ron McDowell - W5RCM
San Antonio TX
w5rcm [at] Ham-Stuff [dot] NET

Doug S wrote:
> Hey All,
> I will be on the air backpack portable 9/18, 16:00Z-20:00Z or so, at:
14.342.5mhz,usb.Colorado National Monument, QRP FT817/Ham Stick.
> 73
> Doug n0lay
>

59. New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 11:05:30 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 59 Message: 59

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
p_o_t_a_ group:

Do you feel the Parks should have a numbering system attached to them ?

o Yes
o No

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/surveys?id=13036563

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

60. Parks, SSB vs CW, POTA ID

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 12:18:31 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 60 Message: 60

Having to send the whole name of a park along with the coord's via CW would be awkward and probably require a lot of fills. Especially with parks that have difficult names. One near me, Lake Tawakoni State Park, comes to mind. Believe me, the name gets messed up a lot.

It might be easier to handle with SSB but I'd still expect a lot of confusion. Various accents and speach differences would not help. Having a throat problem, I only do CW and a simple numbering system would be my choice.

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Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, EM22cv
Point, Rains Co., Texas
http://w5usj.com

61. ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 12:55:55 UTC
From: mike
Topic: 61 Message: 61

How about an alpha numeric system. I'm not sure if we want any information included in the code or not. Here is one idea...

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Something like this would be easy for cw or ssb and would also let you know a general area that the park is located and weather it is a national park, state park or a local park.

Mike
KC9IPV

62. RE: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 13:03:42 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 61 Message: 62
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I could easily build a website and database to house and query all of these.

Including some maps of the area maybe?

What type of features would everyone want or is there already a project afoot for this?

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of mike
Sent: Saturday, September 18, 2010 8:56 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

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63. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 14:39:42 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 61 Message: 63

While I have an interest in this new proposed POTA I have been staying out of the discussions about an ID system as to me it really doesn't matter what as long as there is a simple, clear, and consistent system of identification.

There have been quite a number of suggestions all of which contain good ideas but it seems to me that we are making the problem more complicated that it needs to be and in effect are re-inventing as we go along.

It is always important when we start a process to find a solution that the requirements be clearly identified up front so that the needs of the requirements will drive the solution, no the other way round.

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7) etc (add your own)

Rather than re-invent the wheel, we already have a commonly used system which we can apply. That is the Maidenhead Grid Square concept. Taken to six characters (i.e. FN25ig) we can have a granularity which could clearly identify all regional/provincial/federal/ whatever parks without conflicts. In fact, it may be possible to just use four (i.e. FN25) but some research would need to be done to validate that four would provide sufficient granularity.

I realize that this suggestion is counter and different to that taken by the other "OTA" groups. Do we want to be like everyone else (which is OK too) or do we want something better?

One of my frustrations with the current "OTA" groups and their ID systems is that you need to look up the "OTA" id to find out who and where otherwise it is just another meaningless ID of some sort

My immediate suggestion without researching the idea of using four a character ID would be to always use six and make no exceptions - set a standard and stick to it, not even for any special events or activations. A Six character Maidenhead grid is approximately 2-1/2 by 5

miles in size. Many parks are much larger than this and would cross two or more grid squares; so just pick one, about in the middle of the park and use that.

As an example, the Ottawa Valley QRP group is having a bit of a camp out this weekend atn the Rideau River Ontario Provincial Park. This park crosses the border of two six character Maidenhead squares - FN25db and FN25eb so just picking one it's POTA id would be FN25DB. If you wished to add a bit of national identity you could also add the ISO two letter county code as a prefix, for example CA-FN25DB as it's offical ID but in common use just use FN25DB as it would still be unique.

Rather than suffix with a country code perhaps prefix with something like "PO" to indicate that it is "Parks On the Air".

Incidentally, the ISO has standardized lists of countries, provinces, states, counties, etc. Whatever ID system is chosen it should use these types of standards rather than making our own.

Just a suggestion.

cheers, Graham ve3gtc / ve3ghm

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> Mike
> KC9IPV
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64. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 14:42:52 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 61 Message: 64

Meant to add this link to my last post re maidenhead grid squares

http://f6fvy.free.fr/qthLocator/fullScreen.php

very easy to use find you lat/long/maidenhead grid square.

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65. re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 14:43:31 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 61 Message: 65

Mike,

That would work for me. TX has 121 state parks but doubt that all of them
would ever get activiated. For sure not by me...

On Sat, Sep 18, 2010 at 7:55 AM, mike <mike@...> wrote:

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66. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 15:25:53 UTC
From: mike
Topic: 61 Message: 66

Even using Maidenhead grids, if the park covers more then one grid you would still need to maintain a database and look up which grid is being used.

I'm all for keeping it simple.
My hope is to have several ideas and put it to a vote.

Mike
KC9IPV

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67. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Thoughts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 18:29:12 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 57 Message: 67

wb9qvr wrote:
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> 1. Park Numbering -
again,.... imho yes they need to be, but some form of structure, eg state based, and gotta make it easier for the backwards folks on CW (j/k). so like i say something that can be easily sent... FL-01 etc

> 2. Awards
why not.. everyone else has awards LOL - should do something like worked all state parks, worked all national parks etc etc

> 3. A Web Page
> 4. The Parks Database
yup definately we need a site and a database, and some how where people can upload log segments and a way to verify those..

> 5. Rules
obviously must be recognised officially as a state park or national park... and be able to be verified via state/national parks website gotta have that at least.

charlie
ai4ri

68. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 18:31:00 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 61 Message: 68

Jeff Dale wrote:
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> these.
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google-maps or openmaps ?

save having to store images

charlie
ai4ri

69. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 19:46:48 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 61 Message: 69

Definately will be leveraging google maps.

I use it all my apps

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Sat Sep 18 14:31:00 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

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70. New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 20:05:39 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 59 Message: 70

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
p_o_t_a_ group:

What bands do think should be used for activations?

o HF only
o HF and VHF/UHF Simplex
o HF and VHF/UHF Repaters

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/surveys?id=13036611

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

71. New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 20:03:23 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 59 Message: 71

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
p_o_t_a_ group:

How many contacts do you think should be required to class a Park as active?

o 1
o 5
o 10
o 25

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/surveys?id=13036610

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

72. Band Poll

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 20:29:15 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 72 Message: 72

Gang:
I edited my question and the poll reset, those who had already voted please vote again..

Thanks
Fred
VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

73. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Band Poll

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 20:36:08 UTC
From: Ron [W5RCM]
Topic: 72 Message: 73

I'd also propose that all these initial polls close on Oct 2 [like the first poll] just to get closure on it. I don't think you can add a close date to the rest without wiping out the contents though... but I don't think you really need to.

Thanks, Fred, for taking on this task...it's not easy. :)

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San Antonio TX
w5rcm [at] Ham-Stuff [dot] NET

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74. Re: Band Poll

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 20:46:02 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 72 Message: 74

I plan on closing them all on October 2, I thought I had them as that , but then when I did an edit to the one, voila...

Thanks Ron.....

Fred

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75. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 21:08:11 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 61 Message: 75

Best yet, simple and informative.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/18/2010 8:56:08 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
mike@... writes:

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NCL67 -- North Carolina municipal park number 67

76. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-18 23:38:06 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 61 Message: 76

I like the code system below but feel it needs an additional 2 letters at the start to identify the country that the park is within.

By identifying the country first then whatever particular state or region identification is required can follow with less structure.

This would also allow each country/state/region/municipality to create the code syntax that works best for them, after the standard country identifier.

A suitable 2 letter country identifier exists, ISO 3166-2 details at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2

A look at this list shows the variants regarding states/regions/provinces/governorates/departments/prefectures etc.

73
Peter VK3ZPF

----- Original Message -----
From: KB4QQJ@...
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 7:08 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

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77. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 13:15:38 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 77

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Southern Ontario Povincial Parks.xls
Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
Description : Southern Ontario Provincial Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Southern%20Ontario%20Povincial%20Parks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

78. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 13:14:51 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 78

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Central Ontario Provincial Parks.xls
Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
Description : Central Ontario Provincial Parks

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http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Central%20Ontario%20Provincial%20Parks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

79. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 13:14:17 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 79

Hello,

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Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
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Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

80. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 15:47:08 UTC
From: k0qh@skywayusa.net
Topic: 13 Message: 80

Question, what abt the people who live in smaller towns and can't
always make it to a State Park who would like to operate?? Sounds like
we will be left out.
John,K0QH
EM47wx

Quoting Chris Danis <cdanis@...>:

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> rats like me to get out and get on the air more.
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> -chris N2YYZ
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81. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 16:05:52 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 13 Message: 81

I think its the same scenario as people in, for example Arizona, wanting to activate a lighthouse.

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>; Chris Danis <cdanis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sun Sep 19 11:47:08 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

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82. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 16:10:54 UTC
From: k0qh@skywayusa.net
Topic: 13 Message: 82

Quoting KB4QQJ@...:

> I like the sequential numbering idea the best. NC-oo1, NC-002 etc

Could we not take this 1 step further and have a designator for
State,National and City??
Ex: NCX where x= S for State, N = National and C = City
John,K0QH

83. Re: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 16:06:52 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 13 Message: 83

John:
I think for now this group will focus with State, National and Provincial Parks as those alone are huge.
We could always start another group for City or Municipal Parks down the road.
I know how you feel, we are going through this scenario with SOTA, imagine how folks in Manitoba feel trying to activate a summit?

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., k0qh@... wrote:
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84. Re: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 16:08:46 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 13 Message: 84

John/Chris:
Exactly, we could never and probably will never satisfy everyone with one of these types of groups.

We will plug away and see where we get with this...

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Jeff Dale" <jdale@...> wrote:
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85. Re: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-19 17:29:34 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 13 Message: 85

OK, I got an idea...As the parks become activated give them an identifier that applies, reguardless of what kind of park. The data base will grow as the parks are on the air..pardon the pun.

Kyle N4NSS

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "fred" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
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86. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 04:48:08 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 13 Message: 86

You HAD to know this was coming with a statement like that:
http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/az.htm
(http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/az.htm)

In a message dated 9/19/2010 12:06:03 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
jdale@... writes:

I think its the same scenario as people in, for example Arizona, wanting
to activate a lighthouse.

87. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 04:51:58 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 13 Message: 87

Great idea.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/19/2010 1:33:54 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
n4nss@... writes:

OK, I got an idea...As the parks become activated give them an identifier
that applies, reguardless of what kind of park. The data base will grow as
the parks are on the air..pardon the pun.

Kyle N4NSS

88. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 10:09:13 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 13 Message: 88

Lol. I was trying to pick a state that was in short supply of ligh houses of the top of my head.

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Mon Sep 20 00:48:08 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

You HAD to know this was coming with a statement like that:
http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/az.htm

In a message dated 9/19/2010 12:06:03 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, jdale@cistel.com writes:

I think its the same scenario as people in, for example Arizona, wanting to activate a lighthouse.

89. domain is active. now for a webmaster...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 12:35:21 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 89 Message: 89

Hello fellow park goers...

The site: ParksOnTheAir.net is functional. Now it needs a webmaster.

I can provide the domain and hosting for 1-2 (at least) years at Dreamhost but I do not have the time to be the web developer.

And for the record should I not be able to maintain the domain and or hosting I am more than willing to "give" the domain to the group should it be functional at that time.

So who is going to be on the web team so I can setup some accounts: admin, ftp, mysql, etc

BTW, it is pretty exciting to see this POTA thing actually happen!

Bryan
KJ4QZJ
(who should have been in the park this weekend as the weather was awesome. well ok I was in the park with the dogs but not with the RADIO!)

90. Re: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 12:38:05 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 13 Message: 90

Kyle,

I agree. That is the type of system I had thought of.

Bryan
KJ4QZJ

91. Re: [p_o_t_a_] domain is active. now for a webmaster...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 12:48:01 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 89 Message: 91

I can take care of that. Email me offlist and we ca chat

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Mon Sep 20 08:35:21 2010
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92. Re: [p_o_t_a_] domain is active. now for a webmaster...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 12:51:32 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 89 Message: 92

There you go Jeff, was just going to email you the information.
Brian WB9QVR was the one with the idea, I just helped him out getting the group going and the polls..
His email is: wb9qvr@...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Jeff Dale
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 8:48 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] domain is active. now for a webmaster...

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93. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 14:00:25 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 61 Message: 93

I personally really like Grahams suggestion to use an identifier based on the 6 character Grid Square as it makes it pretty obvious what the designator is for a given park and avoids having excessively long numeric strings that are essentially meaningless. Also the character, character, number, number, character, character format provides a bit of sanity check when copying.

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My $0.02 worth.

Michael VE3WMB

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> 2) intuitive
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> sufficient granularity.
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> too) or do we want something better?
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> systems is that you need to look up the "OTA" id to find out who and
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> Rather than suffix with a country code perhaps prefix with something
> like "PO" to indicate that it is "Parks On the Air".
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> states, counties, etc. Whatever ID system is chosen it should use these
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> Just a suggestion.
>
> cheers, Graham ve3gtc / ve3ghm
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94. [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 14:32:50 UTC
From: Ron [W5RCM]
Topic: 94 Message: 94

Maybe if you're sending CW or digital. How about trying to communicate
"CA FN25db" to somebody via lowpower SSB and a marginal antenna?

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72, Ron McDowell - W5RCM
San Antonio TX
w5rcm [at] Ham-Stuff [dot] NET

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95. RE: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 14:48:02 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 94 Message: 95
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Well far be it from me to ask the stupid question.

But isn't there many other contests with the same format as this IOTA or WLOTA. How do they do it.

They must have asked all the same questions. Lets not re-invent the wheel.. Just steal from the inventor J

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Ron [W5RCM]
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 10:33 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

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>> cheers, Graham ve3gtc / ve3ghm
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96. [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 15:06:50 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 94 Message: 96

Ron, Same as for most VHF contests:
"whiskey uniform one bravo from POTA Charlie Alfa, Foxtrot November two five Delta Bravo"
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One problem with this system though, is with linear state parks. CT has five, either rail-trail or canal-trail state parks which encompass several/many grid squares. The longest, Airline Trail State Park, is in the vicinity of 40+ miles long (at this point non-contiguous). I suppose a common-point designator could be used but, if I just happen upon a section and decide to activate, I'd have to dig up the appropriate designator rather than just pulling the grid off the GPS.
Same goes for state parks/forests with multiple, non-contiguous parcels.
That's why we might need to still at least database activated parks with a unique alpha-numeric i.e.: CT001 for the above referenced Airline Trail.
Just another ha'pence in the pot,
Barclay/wu1b

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97. [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 15:12:26 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 94 Message: 97

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> > My $0.02 worth.
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> > Michael VE3WMB
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98. Re: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 15:28:11 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 94 Message: 98

On Mon, 2010-09-20 at 15:06 +0000, wu1bmobile wrote:
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That said, Oscar November Papa 001 could work just as well...

With best regards,

Pete

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99. Re: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 15:32:35 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 94 Message: 99

Yea I dont think you get over 100 Prov. parks so ONP01 works well to keep it at 5 figures, and as I stated there are 47 national Parks in Canada to date so the CA01 or CA001 works for me as well...be it ON001 or MB001 for manitoba, it works..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
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DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Pete Spotts
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2010 11:28 AM
Subject: Re: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

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100. Re: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 15:34:25 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 94 Message: 100

"unless one is setting up a certificate for Worked At Least One National Park in Each State/Province."
They would get a number after activation and that number would be in the database so whoever is checking the logs for the certificate would know what Park was worked...???

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101. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 15:37:33 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 61 Message: 101

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Back to my hole now...

Fred
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102. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 16:01:49 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 61 Message: 102

Yep, 5 figures (3 numeric) does OK. CT has 135 State Parks/Forests plus the 5 additional linear trails. Activating them all would run from CT001 to CT140. Maybe the uploaded activator's log could include additional data such as section of park/trail, etc. but that needn't be part of the contact unless condix and QSO style warrant.
May have to have award 'amendments' for such things as 'all sections activated' or 'end-to-end' efforts.
Lots of other 'historic' and 'memorial' parks but those will just have to come under a separate classification if this whole thing takes off! Same as for municipal parks and such.
more ha'pennies,
Barclay/wu1b

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "fred" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
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103. Re: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 18:52:32 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 94 Message: 103

Well said, Well Spoken. Here Here

In a message dated 9/20/2010 10:37:18 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
w5rcm@... writes:

Maybe if you're sending CW or digital. How about trying to communicate
"CA FN25db" to somebody via lowpower SSB and a marginal antenna?

104. FRED [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 18:56:22 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 104 Message: 104

Fred,
I'll bet Andy would incorporate POTA on the K3UK pages if we like. There are two pages there now that get no use at all. QRPSPOTS is also a great operations spotter.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/20/2010 11:13:06 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, ve3fal@... writes:

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105. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 18:59:14 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 61 Message: 105

Agree

In a message dated 9/20/2010 11:37:46 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
ve3fal@... writes:

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106. COMMO NOTIFICATION AND ABILITY TO HEAR THE COMMO

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 19:40:11 UTC
From: KB3CNV
Topic: 106 Message: 106

I believe that you need a central place to tell folks when you are going to a park and what freq or frequencies you will be running on.

I belong to several groups and the ability to get your communication with group members depends on the ability to communicate with them.
This requires that you be able to effectively communicate with them.

I purpose that somewhere yet to be defined. WE have a notification site so that folks that want to talk to parks and folks in the parks can see what is up on any given day.

My second thought of the day is that whatever is done in the way of identification of parks be followed up with a email.
The logic behind this is to make sure that what you thought you heard
you really did hear. I was doing 2 meter SSB and the guys microphone, my ears or the speaker would not allow me to hear part of what he said.
My thinking would be to assign POTA NUMBER TO THE COMMUNICATORS and then take care of the rest of it at home on the computer.

Therefor if you heard POTA 123 YOU WOULD KNOW WHERE THEY WERE FROM THE NOTIFICATION SITE AND WHO POTA 123 IS. If you randomly heard POTA 123
and wanted to know what was up...look up POTA and there would be the answer.

Seems simple enough and uses multiple communication information. PS like the numbering system just not sure it needs to be used over the air with problems in hearing everything.

DENNIS
KB3CNV

107. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 20:29:27 UTC
From: k0qh@skywayusa.net
Topic: 13 Message: 107

Yes!!!
John,K0QH

Quoting KB4QQJ@...:

> Great idea.
>
> Randy_KB4QQJ
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>
> In a message dated 9/19/2010 1:33:54 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
> n4nss@... writes:
>
> OK, I got an idea...As the parks become activated give them an identifier
> that applies, reguardless of what kind of park. The data base will grow as
> the parks are on the air..pardon the pun.
>
> Kyle N4NSS
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108. Sign this guy up, quick!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 20:48:19 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 108 Message: 108

CO001?? ;-)

-------- Forwarded Message --------
From: Paul Signorelli <w0rw1@...>
To: qrp-l <qrp-l@...>
Subject: [QRP-L] w0rw/pm in Mueller State Park, CO. 21Sept 2010
Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2010 13:13:00 -0600

w0rw/pm in Mueller State Park.
Date: 21 Sept. 2010.
Type of Operation: Pedestrian Mobile.
Call Sign: w0rw/pm.
Operator: Paul.
Time/Frequency/Mode:
1500z - 1530z, 18157.5 kHz SSB.
1530z - 1600z, 18086.0 kHz CW
1600z - 1700z, 14060.3 kHz CW, Alternate: 14062.3 kHz.
1700z - 1800z, 14342.5 kHz SSB, Alternate: 14285.0 kHz.

Location: Mueller State Park, Colorado.
Elevation: 9000 Feet.
Weather: Awesome, +65F, 15% RH, with yellow Aspen trees all around. It is fall up here.
Trail Name: This is a special park because 50% of all the trails are level, on the top of a 9000 foot ridge.
There are no 3000 foot elevation gains in this park.
Google Map Link: http://maps.google.com/maps?q=38.8766666667,-105.2775&btnG=Search&sc=1&rl=1&spn=0.3,0.3&om=1
County: Teller.
Nearest City: Divide.
Additional site info: You can see the Mueller Web Cam at
http://www.instacam.com/showcam.asp?id=DVDCO&size=L
and the main Mueller web page at
http://parks.state.co.us/parks/mueller/Pages/MuellerHome.aspx
If i can get them to point the web cam towards the parking lot you will see my red car at the trail head.

Equipment: PRC319 Military Backpack Radio. There is more information about Military Radios in April 2006 QST, Page 57. See more pictures at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/prc319/
i am taking my spare PRC319 out for a test run. This is a fixed frequency radio so you must Zero Beat me (QZB).
Power: 50W.
Antenna: 10 center loaded foot whip.
Power source: 28V, 6AH, LiIon battery.

Propagation: Good, F=81, A=3.
Band Activity: No Contests!, If you missed me on Saturday because of all the QRM, here is

another chance.
Base Camp Intercom: 146.52.
APRS: None.
Authorization: Pass Required.
Propagation Beacons: Check WWV on 15 MHz for propagation to CO. I will be 5 'S' units weaker.
Degree of Difficulty: This is the easiest 'pedestrian mobile' park in the state.
Hazards: No snakes at this altitude only Bears.
QSL to: Paul w0rw, Box 6069, Colorado Springs, CO 80934

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QRP-L mailing list
Home: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/qrp-l
Help: http://mailman.qth.net/mmfaq.htm
Post: mailto:QRP-L@...

This list hosted by: http://www.qsl.net
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109. Re: [Fwd: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 21:34:24 UTC
From: michael aldrich
Topic: 94 Message: 109

If you can't get that through, I doubt you'd get your call sign through either.

Mike
kc9ipv

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110. Re: Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-20 23:48:37 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 13 Message: 110

Yes good idea and I think I even mentioned it once myself.

But I am get less concerned with numbering systems and starting to think more about a CALENDAR. Who is going where when? Who went where and what happened. Planned group events and that type of thing.

What do you think about a IRLP or Echolink conference so we can do some fast and furious hashing things out?

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> > that applies, reguardless of what kind of park. The data base will grow as
> > the parks are on the air..pardon the pun.
> >
> > Kyle N4NSS
> >
>

111. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 03:02:56 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 61 Message: 111

I definitely think we need the country listed first. In my mind it makes sense to have the identifier arranged in descending order, i. e. country, then state/province, park type and then entity number. Examples: US-IN-S-001, US-TN-N-001 or CN-ON-P-001
 73, Brian WB9QVR

_____
From: Peter Fraser <pfraser@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, September 18, 2010 6:38:06 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

I like the code system below but feel it needs an additional 2 letters at the start to identify the country that the park is within.

By identifying the country first then whatever particular state or region identification is required can follow with less structure.

This would also allow each country/state/region/municipality to create the code syntax that works best for them, after the standard country identifier.

A suitable 2 letter country identifier exists, ISO 3166-2 details at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-2

A look at this list shows the variants regarding states/regions/provinces/governorates/departments/prefectures etc.

73
Peter VK3ZPF

----- Original Message -----
From: KB4QQJ@...
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2010 7:08 AM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System
>
>
>Best yet, simple and informative.
>
>Randy_KB4QQJ
>
>In a message dated 9/18/2010 8:56:08 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, mike@...
>writes:
>INF23 -- Indiana National Park number 23
>>COS13 -- Colorado State Park number 13
>>BCF67 -- British Columbia National Park number 67
>>NCL67 -- North Carolina municipal park number 67

112. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbering System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 03:08:33 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 13 Message: 112

John, I certainly understand and appreciate your concern. I don't see any reason why we couldn't accomodate county or city parks at some point. I think as Fred has pointed out, though, the logistics of just getting all the national and state/provincial parks are a bit daunting. I think we need to start with those and then build a database of other parks down the road. Doing so would also give us some time to define what a 'park' is for the purposes of POTA. That task is rather easy for the national and state parks (they must have the word 'park' in their name) but it becomes a bit more difficult for smaller sites. I, too have some small parks in the area that I'd like to activate at some point in the future - we just need a starting place and we can build from there. Thanks!!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

Question, what abt the people who live in smaller towns and can't always make it to a State Park who would like to operate?? Sounds like we will be left out.
John,K0QH
EM47wx

113. Re: [p_o_t_a_] domain is active. now for a webmaster...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 03:10:05 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 89 Message: 113

Bryan, thanks a million for your efforts! Now we'll just have to see who is railroaded into (er, volunteers for) the job!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

From: walscobry <walscobry@yahoo.com>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, September 20, 2010 7:35:21 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] domain is active. now for a webmaster...

Hello fellow park goers...

The site: ParksOnTheAir.net is functional. Now it needs a webmaster.

I can provide the domain and hosting for 1-2 (at least) years at Dreamhost but I do not have the time to be the web developer.

And for the record should I not be able to maintain the domain and or hosting I am more than willing to "give" the domain to the group should it be functional at that time.

So who is going to be on the web team so I can setup some accounts: admin, ftp, mysql, etc

BTW, it is pretty exciting to see this POTA thing actually happen!

Bryan
KJ4QZJ
(who should have been in the park this weekend as the weather was awesome. well ok I was in the park with the dogs but not with the RADIO!)

114. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 03:18:07 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 61 Message: 114

I think I'm on board with that format as well. Using US001 for the first national park and IN001 for the first Indiana state park is descriptive without being too long. It also deliniates between national and state parks without using an extra character (like 'N' for national).

Although the idea of using grid squares is a good one in terms of providing a reference point to me the exchange would sound as though you were working grid squares rather than operating from a POTA entity. That might cause some confusion.

Also, I know that a number of folks would prefer not to number the parks at all. I think we could make the use of the identifier optional - if the activator wants to use just the park name, that's fine. Both would be in the database anyway so people could look up the entity either way. That would allow everyone (well, most everyone, anyway) to be happy.

Does this sound like a resonable format and compromise?
 73, Brian WB9QVR

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From: wu1bmobile <barcthom@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, September 20, 2010 11:01:49 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yep, 5 figures (3 numeric) does OK. CT has 135 State Parks/Forests plus the 5 additional linear trails. Activating them all would run from CT001 to CT140. Maybe the uploaded activator's log could include additional data such as section of park/trail, etc. but that needn't be part of the contact unless condix and QSO style warrant.
May have to have award 'amendments' for such things as 'all sections activated' or 'end-to-end' efforts.
Lots of other 'historic' and 'memorial' parks but those will just have to come under a separate classification if this whole thing takes off! Same as for municipal parks and such.
more ha'pennies,
Barclay/wu1b

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "fred" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
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> I like the Idea of national Parks being designated with the US,CA,ZL,UK or
>whatever followed by the number given to the Park after it has been activated.
> I think the State and Provincial Parks could be the same as mentioned,
>ON001,MN001 to keep it simple.

>
> Back to my hole now...
>
> Fred
> VE3FAL
>

115. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 03:26:14 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 115

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /US National Park List.xls
Uploaded by : wb9qvr <wb9qvr@...>
Description : US National Park List

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/US%20National%20Park%20List.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qvr <wb9qvr@...>

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Date: 2010-09-21 03:26:35 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 116

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Indiana State Park List.xls
Uploaded by : wb9qvr <wb9qvr@...>
Description : Indiana State Park List

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Indiana%20State%20Park%20List.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

wb9qvr <wb9qvr@...>

117. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 03:28:32 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 61 Message: 117

I agree with this format as well, and we should also include in the database the name and callsign of the person who activated it and the date.
Michael activated one southern ontario park this weekend and was able to work other Polar Bear Ops while there, and he did make 5 qsos as well as one digital comm using Hell....
I am willing to take on the task of manager for the Cdn Parks or at least the Ontario Parks DB.
Your right, as long as we have a place to announce activations ther is no need to give the Park number each time, but for database purposes and activations I think it is needed.

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Brian Esche <wb9qvr@...> wrote:
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> national park and IN001 for theÂ firstÂ Indiana state parkÂ is descriptive without
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> using an extra character (likeÂ 'N' for national).
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> > Fred
> > VE3FAL
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118. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 04:10:54 UTC
From: Ron [W5RCM]
Topic: 61 Message: 118

So...is CA-001 a Canadian national park or a California state park?

--
72, Ron McDowell - W5RCM
San Antonio TX
w5rcm [at] Ham-Stuff [dot] NET

Brian Esche wrote:
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> first national park and IN001 for the first Indiana state park is
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> national and state parks without using an extra character (like 'N'
> for national).
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119. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 12:23:44 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 61 Message: 119

On Mon, 2010-09-20 at 23:10 -0500, Ron [W5RCM] wrote:
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> So...is CA-001 a Canadian national park or a California state park?

Hi Ron,

I suspect you'd know by the call. And if a VE is operating in California, or a Californian is operating in Canada, just out of courtesy to other ops they work, these hams should put a /W6 or /VE3 at the end of their calls.

This may be taking coals to Newcastle, but a slash # when operating beyond the address on one's license no longer seems to be an FCC requirement. But it's still a "best practice" in my book. I recall working a KL7 early in my return to ham radio a couple of years ago and nearly jumping out of my chair with joy for working Alaska under such marginal conditions. Except the guy was in Maryland. Sigh... I did bag Alaska later! ;-)

While I don't discount a Canadian visiting the US or a US citizen visiting Canada and operating from a state or provincial park, I suspect those will be relatively rare. OTOH, living in Massachusetts, I'd love to get back up to Fundy National Park in New Brunswick! It was drop-dead gorgeous!

With best regards,

Pete

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120. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 20:53:49 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 61 Message: 120

Would IN be for a state park in Indiania and for a National Park in India?

What about ID? State park in Idaho and a National Park in Indonesia?

And closer to home, CA for for state Park in California and a national park in Canada?

There have been lots of good ideas but it still sounds to me like we are making it more complicated than need be.

cheers, Graham ve3gtc / ve3ghm

On Mon, 2010-09-20 at 20:18 -0700, Brian Esche wrote:
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121. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 20:56:06 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 61 Message: 121

Ron, I made the same comment but I replied to the list before I saw your post.

cheers, Graham ve3gtc

On Mon, 2010-09-20 at 23:10 -0500, Ron [W5RCM] wrote:
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122. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 23:07:23 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 61 Message: 122

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I think no matter what we do we may run into these snags.

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Pete Spotts <w1pns@...> wrote:
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123. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 23:29:44 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 61 Message: 123

Thanks to all of you who have pointed out the issues with the proposed naming. It does seem that we need to rethink the standard. Perhaps we should always start with the country ID to avoid confusion. In that vein I offer the following standard (apologies to those who may have already proposed this system - it's hard to keep track of all the variations):

National Parks: Two-letter country identifier, three-digit sequential number
State/Provincial Parks: Two-letter country identifier, two-digit state/province abbrevation, three-digit sequential number.

US001 - First US national park
CA001 - First Canadian national park
USIN001 - First Indiana state park
CAON001 - First Ontario provincial park

As we expand to include regional parks we would need to add another character for those. This standard would provide a short name for the most popular parks to activate (national and state/provincial) while allowing growth for other parks later. Obviously as we get into regional parks the exchange would be slightly longer but that's probably not a big deal.

Would this work?
 73, Brian WB9QVR

Would IN be for a state park in Indiania and for a National Park in India?

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There have been lots of good ideas but it still sounds to me like we are making it more complicated than need be.

cheers, Graham ve3gtc / ve3ghm

124. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 23:39:12 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 61 Message: 124

I'm getting dizzy Brian :)

Hope we have a spot on the K3UK page so we wont have to send ID's all the time...
I guess in the CQ though (for those of us who operate only CW) we could put the ID into that and every couple of minutes send it again.

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Brian Esche <wb9qvr@...> wrote:
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125. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-21 23:43:58 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 61 Message: 125

CN would be China

http://www.iso.org/iso/english_country_names_and_code_elements

cheers, Graham

On Tue, 2010-09-21 at 23:07 +0000, fred wrote:
> Ok, so I was gonna ask you guys to share some of your giggle juice and realized what you were talking about, OK, I guess we have a snag with the numbering of Canadian National Parks as being CA and a station from Calaifornia as being CA as well. We could label a Canadian National Park as CN if we need to.
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> --- In p_o_t_a_@..., Pete Spotts <w1pns@...> wrote:
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126. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 00:03:54 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 61 Message: 126

Graham, this message came in under the spam filter of yahoo....

Had to allow it to get to the list..

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Graham <planophore@...> wrote:
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127. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 02:43:19 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 61 Message: 127

Point taken. We should definitely use the ISO standard abbreviations. Thanks!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

CN would be China

http://www.iso.org/iso/english_country_names_and_code_elements

cheers, Graham

128. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 03:23:55 UTC
From: Ron [W5RCM]
Topic: 61 Message: 128

No worries...and thanks for the additional state/country pairs to
bolster our point. :)

--
72, Ron McDowell - W5RCM
San Antonio TX
w5rcm [at] Ham-Stuff [dot] NET

Graham wrote:
> Ron, I made the same comment but I replied to the list before I saw your
> post.
>
> cheers, Graham ve3gtc
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>
> On Mon, 2010-09-20 at 23:10 -0500, Ron [W5RCM] wrote:
>
>> So...is CA-001 a Canadian national park or a California state park?
>> --
>> 72, Ron McDowell - W5RCM
>> San Antonio TX
>> w5rcm [at] Ham-Stuff [dot] NET
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>> Brian Esche wrote:
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>>> I think I'm on board with that format as well. Using US001 for the
>>> first national park and IN001 for the first Indiana state park is
>>> descriptive without being too long. It also deliniates between
>>> national and state parks without using an extra character (like 'N'
>>> for national).
>>>

129. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 11:52:47 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 61 Message: 129

Um. wow, I thought Canada was CN. In my defense I have only been there once.

Bryan
KJ4QZJ

130. POTA Discussion Conference?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 21:27:16 UTC
From: wb9qvr
Topic: 130 Message: 130

In order to get things moving along it's been suggested (thanks, Bryan!) that we have some sort of conference to discuss the ideas that have been proposed. With amateur radio at our disposal along with any number of web-based tools it would seem that we have many options for getting together on a remote basis.

From what I see here at the possibilities:

1. On air (HF net)
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4. Teleconference

The disadvantage of an on-air chat is that due to propagation or other conditions not everyone could participate. Otherwise that would be my preference. Please pass along your preferences or other ideas.

Thanks!

131. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Discussion Conference?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 21:35:55 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 130 Message: 131

On Wed, 2010-09-22 at 21:27 +0000, wb9qvr wrote:
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> Bryan!) that we have some sort of conference to discuss the ideas that
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Echolink could work well.

Pete

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Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

132. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Discussion Conference?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 21:39:24 UTC
From: Scott Robson
Topic: 130 Message: 132

Yes, echolink is the way to go I think.

S/ K6AUS

On Wed, Sep 22, 2010 at 5:27 PM, wb9qvr <wb9qvr@...> wrote:

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133. RE: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Discussion Conference?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 21:40:18 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 130 Message: 133

I have an EchoIRLP conference setup somewhere just forgot how to get it going.

This way we can have both IRLP and Echolink users join if that's ok.

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf
Of Scott Robson
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 5:39 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Discussion Conference?

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134. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Discussion Conference?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-22 22:13:58 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 130 Message: 134

Yea I think Echolink would work best for me as well.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

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135. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 01:42:09 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 61 Message: 135

I won't be able to do the conference so here is my thought on the ID System:

IT GOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS:
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National -----> State / Provincial -----> Counties
US000 FL000 PIN000 counties would have a (3) letter designator
Florida Pinellas
CN000 MAN000 each Providence would have a (3) letter designator
Manitoba

Building a website using this might be easier and one could search by:
1. I D
2. Name of park

Let's say: I want to activate a park.
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3. When I QSO with someone I make a phone call to someone designated prior.
4. That designated person confirms on the website the actual QSO and activate the ID
5. Anyone could now search the website using that primary ID

The building of the data base will cause individuals to get out there and activate parks because that ham was the FIRST to activate that park.

Using three digits will give you up 999 parks for each category.
Frequencies would be listed on the page by link to its own page.

Kyle N4NSS

136. Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 04:20:49 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 61 Message: 136

Might as well just label the Cdn National Parks CAN001 and all US National Parks USA001...

US States can remain the same and Canadian Provinces dont work well with all Provinces as 3 letter designators.

Just my thoughts I guess...

Fred
VE3FAL

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137. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 05:41:14 UTC
From: Ron [W5RCM]
Topic: 61 Message: 137

Sorry, Fred... are you saying POTA only applies to Canada and the US?
What about the OTHER 2-300-some countries in the world? Are they just
left out in the cold?

There are 2 letter prefixes for ALL [ISO standard] countries
http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes/iso_3166_code_lists.htm , as well
as US States/CA provinces [check your postal auuthority for those].

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138. Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 11:12:32 UTC
From: va3rcs
Topic: 138 Message: 138

Hi guys,
I am seeing so many great ideas flash across my screen on the numbering issue... How about this simple idea for the whole process...

Before the activation:

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After the activation I submit my logs to the powers that be who then assign a park number such as:

CA (for country- ON (for Province)- 005 (sequential number)

City Park, Provincal/State Park, National Park does not really matter as a park is a park... Some are bigger than others but in the greater scope of things... I found a park and made enough contacts from it and in acknowledgement of that you issued it a serial number...

QRP or QRO .... Digital or Voice.... HF or VHF (no repeaters) all good....

Lets watch out for over regulation and remember its supposed to be fun...

73bob

139. Re: POTA Discussion Conference?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 12:06:56 UTC
From: henry2e0mai
Topic: 130 Message: 139

Keep the discussion here in the group, where everything is documented, as well as already set up. People can have a considered (and written) discussion without there being "Chinese whispers" or folk missing part of the conversation through different time zones.
Some can obtain translations through various means.

Id suggestion:
Country name ISO ALPHA-3 code
Administrative (province or State) 2 letters
Type of park (national, municipal etc
will already be defined by local authorities) 1 letter
Latitude (to 4 decimal places) 7 numbers
Longitude (to 4 decimal places) 7 numbers

Possibly a check digit or letter would make it about 23 characters to send/receive.
Reducing the lat. Long. precision would reduce the number of characters and increase the accuracy.

73 de "Henry"

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140. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 12:02:16 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 61 Message: 140

Fred,
My reference for tha Canada Provinces comes from this page and the map:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_National_Parks_of_Canada

Each has two letter designator for the area but the names of each such as Manitoba has a three letter designator. Using the three letter pinpoints the area.

The simplicity come with building a website which IS the data base since it can be searched using the ID or the name of the park where ever it may be.

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Thu, 9/23/10, fred <ve3fal@tbaytel.net> wrote:

From: fred <ve3fal@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 12:20 AM

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141. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 13:43:55 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 138 Message: 141
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I couldn't agree more.

Why are we looking at complicating our lives? Soon enough we are going to be exchanging lat/long in DD:MM:SS - Gridquare - mode - temperature - GDP of the country - timezone - age of all operators - colour of sky just to make sure that all the bases are covered.

I think we should put this to a simple vote.

KISS Method to me makes the most sense, Use the ISO designation for country, State/Province Abreviation then serial number.

Lets be honest how many people are going to activate a park in Malaysia in the next 12 months. By then we'll have fleshed out the small details and it will be a cakewalk.

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of va3rcs
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 7:13 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 14:00:32 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 61 Message: 142

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143. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 14:21:02 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 61 Message: 143

Ok, since the countries have a 2 letter designator then why not use the old States three letter designator CAL, FLA, WIS ORE.....etc

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Thu, 9/23/10, fred <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: fred <ve3fal@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: ID System
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 10:00 AM

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144. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 14:55:59 UTC
From: Schley Cox
Topic: 138 Message: 144
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Yeah, what Jeff said. Simple. Sending all the info that has been suggested to date will sound like sending coded groups. When I$B!G(Bm on I will probably send QTH MAMMOTH CAVE NTL PRK, KY, unless I am in DANIEL BOONE NTL FOREST, KY. If my sent report is 599 you can infer we were on CW; 59, SSB. If we were on FM it probably wasn$B!G(Bt me. If it is white on top of the weather rock, it is snowing. If you can$B!G(Bt see the weather rock it is either foggy or night. Regarding some VOIP meeting, go ahead and have it and let me know what was decided. Keep in mind the progenitor of all this flurry is a little minimalist 5W (on a good day if the wind is right) CW rig that has fun written all over it, even though the writing is in Chinese.

73,

Cap, W4AMW

$BJ-J-(B

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
Jeff Dale
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 8:44 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

I couldn$B!G(Bt agree more.

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Lets be honest how many people are going to activate a park in Malaysia in the next 12 months. By then we$B!G(Bll have fleshed out the small details and it will be a cakewalk.

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
va3rcs
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2010 7:13 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

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City Park, Provincal/State Park, National Park does not really matter as a park is a park... Some are bigger than others but in the greater scope of things... I found a park and made enough contacts from it and in acknowledgement of that you issued it a serial number...

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Lets watch out for over regulation and remember its supposed to be fun...

73bob

145. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 15:01:17 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 138 Message: 145

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    The state/province ID designates that it is a state/provincial park.

I think the above contains the info needed while keeping the number short, simple and easy to exchange over the air. If we want to expand the convention for regional/city parks then we would just add a designator to indicate as such.

If the above is acceptable I'd really like to move beyond the issue of the numbering scheme. Thanks!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

From: Jeff Dale <jdale@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thu, September 23, 2010 8:43:55 AM
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

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146. Re: Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 15:07:28 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 138 Message: 146

Yep looks good to me, and this was one of teh much earlier suggestions.
I want to get out and activate a few of the Parks here while the fall colours are in full force and before it gets a bit too cold...
Should we look at a frequency suggestion for operating or just announce an approx frequency location when we go out and hope that someone may spot us or update the list.
Cant forget about activators as well and acknowledging them some how as well once we get going.

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Brian Esche <wb9qvr@...> wrote:
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> From: Jeff Dale <jdale@...>
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Thu, September 23, 2010 8:43:55 AM
> Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system
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> 73bob
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147. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 15:42:47 UTC
From: nagel.david@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 138 Message: 147

Let me dip my oar in the pond. Much has been made of the size and number of entrances that many National parks have. There is one such that has to have special considerations. That one is the Appalachian Trail. It starts (or ends) on Springer Mtn in northern Georgia and passes through13 states and ends (or starts) at or near Katahdin Falls on Mt. Katahdin in the State of Maine. The total length is 2179 Miles and over 10,000 people are reported to have hiked it's total length. I would suggest that it be broken down into segments by state.

I note that some segments of the trail are warning of bear activity. Plan accordingly. According to pictures on the web site the views are spectacular and line of sight is out of sight.

Dave W2OVP
--- On Thu, 9/23/10, Brian Esche <wb9qvr@...> wrote:

From: Brian Esche <wb9qvr@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Thursday, September 23, 2010, 10:01 AM

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From: Jeff Dale <jdale@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thu, September 23, 2010 8:43:55 AM
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Remembering the KISS system

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148. Bulow State Park Activation - 24th or 25th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 17:04:22 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 148 Message: 148

i'm planning on going to BNulow State Park here in Volusia County.

radio will be a ts480, and probably a 20m dipole.

i havent decided which day to do it and what time to leave, but i'll be posting on here to let you guys know.

frequencies will probably be PSK (14.070.15) and the hfpack frequency 14342.5kHz USB.

link to park information:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bulow_Creek_State_Park

ill probably be (weather permitting) trying to activate some of the other parks around there (linked in above wikipedia entry)

North Peninsula State Park, Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area and Tomoka State Park.

regards
charlie
ai4ri

149. Bulow State Park Activation - 24th or 25th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 17:27:58 UTC
From: Schley Cox
Topic: 148 Message: 149

AI4RI, hang a sloper in that old oak down there and see how long it takes them to catch you. When I am mobile both days I will listen for you on 20. Good luck and keep safe.

Cap, W4AMW

150. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow State Park Activation - 24th or 25th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 17:43:17 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 148 Message: 150

On 9/23/2010 13:27, Schley Cox wrote:
> AI4RI, hang a sloper in that old oak down there and see how long it takes
> them to catch you. When I am mobile both days I will listen for you on 20.
> Good luck and keep safe.
ya i have a 20m dipole that i've just made so i wanna see how well
that works in the air, I can set it up as an inverted V with
"screwdriver stakes" HIHI i have a 28 foot extendable fibreglass
pole for a center, but of course it all depends on what facilities
they have their... i've never been there so this will be a first
time around for everything.

btw, anyone who's around the daytona beach area, you're welcome to
join if you want... drop me an email off list and i'll email you
when i figure out when im going.. will probably be saturday most likely.

charlie

151. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow State Park Activation - 24th or 25th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 18:29:04 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 148 Message: 151

Charlie, would you like to use identifier USFL001 for your activation? I just put together a list of Florida state parks (which I'll upload as a file later today) and I can enter that ID if you wish. If for some reason it is later decided that the number format should be different we can always change it. At least we'd have our first 'official' POTA activation!

I did not realize how many state parks there were in Florida until I compiled the list. By my count there are 152! You should have plenty of places to activate for the rest of us!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

From: "Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn" <ai4ri@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Thu, September 23, 2010 12:04:22 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow State Park Activation - 24th or 25th

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152. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow State Park Activation - 24th or 25th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 18:53:52 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 148 Message: 152

hehe lets wait to see if 'er indoors will let me use the car... it's
like having the spanish inquisition just to go to 7/11 LOL...

but yes. if that does end up happening i will use that designator. i
hadnt even gotten around to thinking about that yet lol

as far as the amount of state parks goes, if you have them listed by
county, can you email me the volusia county list? iirc there's only
a handful here.

plenty of county parks though.

charlie
ai4ri

On 9/23/2010 14:29, Brian Esche wrote:
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153. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: POTA Discussion Conference?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 23:43:50 UTC
From: Warren Rowe
Topic: 130 Message: 153

That's way too cumbersome. Simple is what's needed here; we won't get far
using 23 characters (even giving or taking a few).

Warren, WR1TX

On Thu, Sep 23, 2010 at 7:06 AM, henry2e0mai <henry2e0mai@...>wrote:

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>
> Keep the discussion here in the group, where everything is documented, as
> well as already set up. People can have a considered (and written)
> discussion without there being "Chinese whispers" or folk missing part of
> the conversation through different time zones.
> Some can obtain translations through various means.
>
> Id suggestion:
> Country name ISO ALPHA-3 code
> Administrative (province or State) 2 letters
> Type of park (national, municipal etc
> will already be defined by local authorities) 1 letter
> Latitude (to 4 decimal places) 7 numbers
> Longitude (to 4 decimal places) 7 numbers
>
> Possibly a check digit or letter would make it about 23 characters to
> send/receive.
> Reducing the lat. Long. precision would reduce the number of characters and
> increase the accuracy.
>
> 73 de "Henry"
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> >
> > This way we can have both IRLP and Echolink users join if that's ok.
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154. Camping in TN Saturday night

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-23 23:33:43 UTC
From: Chuck
Topic: 154 Message: 154

Hi All,

If all goes well, will be going camping Saturday night 9-25 approx 6pm to 9-26 approx 9am. Big Hill Pond State Park in southwest Tennessee. With the CQWW DX RTTY Test going on, will likely take a SW+30 and be on 30 meter CW. I may go ahead and throw the HB-1A in also but i imagine that 40 and 20 will be tough for qrp cw.

I hope to put up a 80-100' vertical in the tall trees with about half dozen radials. Power will be about 2 watts out. Just hope 30 doesn't die out at night.

I will use USTN001 until a system is ironed out. As one poster said, its just for the fun anyway :-)

72
73
Chuck
AF4O

155. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 01:10:06 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 138 Message: 155

I think folks should just let us know ahead of time what frequencies (and modes) they intend to use. However, rather than reinvent the wheel (as it were) and define suggested POTA frequencies I think we could probably just use the HFPack frequencies. That would tend to be where portable and/or low power operations are expected so they are probably a good fit.

Other ideas?
 73, Brian WB9QVR

Should we look at a frequency suggestion for operating or just announce an approx frequency location when we go out and hope that someone may spot us or update the list.
Cant forget about activators as well and acknowledging them some how as well once we get going.

Fred
VE3FAL

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156. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Camping in TN Saturday night

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 01:11:10 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 154 Message: 156

Chuck, that sounds great! I hope to hear USTN001 on the air!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

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157. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 01:34:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 157

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Canadian Provincial Park Activation Log.xls
Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
Description : Canadian Provincial Park Activation Log

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Canadian%20Provincial%20Park%20Activation%20Log.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

158. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 02:01:29 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 5 Message: 158

On Fri, 2010-09-24 at 01:34 +0000, p_o_t_a_@... wrote:
>

Well done; how many QSOs constitute activation?

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

159. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 02:15:40 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 5 Message: 159

It looks like 5 qso's is the main concensus at this time...
Michael worked 5 plus one HELL qso as well...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Thu, 23 Sep 2010 22:01:29 -0400
Pete Spotts <w1pns@...> wrote:
On Fri, 2010-09-24 at 01:34 +0000, p_o_t_a_@... wrote:
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160. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 02:45:16 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 5 Message: 160

On Thu, 2010-09-23 at 22:15 -0400, Fred VE3FAL wrote:
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I presume the QSOs do not have to be with people participating in POTA? Or must they be with members?

With best regards,

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 03:00:09 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 5 Message: 161

They do not have to be POTA members, they could be GORC or Polar Bears or anyone scanning across the frequency, the MAIN objective was to get people out.....

Fred
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162. Re: Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 14:08:56 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 138 Message: 162

I am inclined to agree with Bob. Simple is good.

After two weeks of discussion on this topic I am beginning to feel like we are flogging a dead horse.

I suggest that we setup a poll and vote.

I think that it is time to move on and start activating some parks while the weather here in the Northern Hemisphere is still above freezing ;-)

Michael VE3WMB

P.S. I am assuming that Gatineau Park, QC would qualify as a National Park ?
It not officially a Canadian National Park, but it is administered by the National Capitol Commission here in Ottawa which is a Crown Corporation of the Federal Government.

http://www.canadascapital.gc.ca/bins/ncc_web_content_page.asp?cid=16302&lang=1

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "va3rcs" <va3qv@...> wrote:
>
> Hi guys,
> I am seeing so many great ideas flash across my screen on the numbering issue... How about this simple idea for the whole process...
>
> Before the activation:
>
> I announce my intention that on a certain date and time I will be operating from ABC Park located in City/Province or State in Country
>
> The activation takes place
>
> After the activation I submit my logs to the powers that be who then assign a park number such as:
>
> CA (for country- ON (for Province)- 005 (sequential number)
>
> City Park, Provincal/State Park, National Park does not really matter as a park is a park... Some are bigger than others but in the greater scope of things... I found a park and made enough contacts from it and in acknowledgement of that you issued it a serial number...
>
> QRP or QRO .... Digital or Voice.... HF or VHF (no repeaters) all good....
>
> Lets watch out for over regulation and remember its supposed to be fun...
>
> 73bob
>

163. Re: Remembering the KISS system

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 16:05:23 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 138 Message: 163

Michael check out the activation log in the files section, already done:

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "ve3wmb" <mbabineau@...> wrote:
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164. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 16:06:23 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 164

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Massachusetts State Park Activation Log.xls
Uploaded by : spottspeter <w1pns@...>
Description : Activation record for Massachusetts state parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Massachusetts%20State%20Park%20Activation%20Log.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

spottspeter <w1pns@...>

165. Trip Report: Rideau River Provincial Park (+ 2 trip reports from the summer)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 19:07:35 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 165 Message: 165

Hmm, thats odd.

I tried to send this message to the group yesterday and it didn't show up.

Here's a trip report from my outing to the Rideau River Provincial park last weekend (18th, 19th, 20th September) with Michael VE3WMB, Jim VE3XJ and Bill VE3CLQ:

Park: Rideau River Provincial Park, Ontario.
Date: 18th-20th September 2010

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=612

I made 23 QSOs. 6 were with EU. 1 was a 2 X QRP contact with EU.

Fred, can you add me to the activations list?

Also here are another couple of trip reports from Canadian Provincial Parks which I did ealier in the summer. I'm not sure they count though since POTA was not formed at that time, but thought you might enjoy anyway!

Park: Frontenac Provincial Park, Ontario.
Date: July 31st-August 1st 2010

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=537

I made 12 QSOs.

Park: Frontenac Provincial Park, Ontario.
Date: July 24th-July 25th 2010

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=494

I made 61 QSOs.

This Paeks on the air stuff is *FUN*

73
Martin.
VA3SIE/P.

166. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Trip Report: Rideau River Provincial Park (+ 2 trip reports from the summer)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 19:19:09 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 165 Message: 166

I will add both you and Michael to the list for credit towards activation....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: martingillen
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 3:07 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Trip Report: Rideau River Provincial Park (+ 2 trip reports from the summer)

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VA3SIE/P.

167. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 21:05:11 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 167

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NC Parks.xls
Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
Description : North Carolina State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NC%20Parks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

168. Bulow creek state park - USFL001 - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 12:23:34 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 168 Message: 168

i'm at bulow creek state park as per the previous thread, ill be on
till about lunchtime EST...

ai4ri

169. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow creek state park - USFL001 - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 12:24:46 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 168 Message: 169

On 9/25/2010 08:23, Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn wrote:
> i'm at bulow creek state park as per the previous thread, ill be on
> till about lunchtime EST...
>
> ai4ri
>
helps if i put frequency down...

14.3425 +/- qrm and maybe some psk later on

charlie
ai4ri

170. U.S. National Parks admission is free Today Sept. 25th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 13:46:00 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 170 Message: 170

Looking for something to do today (Sat., Sept. 25)? Head out to your favorite National Parks, where admission is free in celebration of National Public Lands Days. More at www.publiclandsday.org

I'm working.....(

N4NSS Kyle

171. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 13:50:19 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 59 Message: 171

On Sat, Sep 18, 2010 at 4:05 PM, <p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

> What bands do think should be used for activations?
>
> o HF only
> o HF and VHF/UHF Simplex
> o HF and VHF/UHF Repaters
>
>
Out of these options, I'm for "HF and VHF/UHF Simplex", and it seems that
86% of voters are too.

But I think that satellites should count for activations as well. There's a
lot more skill involved in satellite operation (even handheld operation of
an FM satellite) than there is in terrestrial repeaters.

What do others think?

73
-chris N2YYZ

172. RE: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 13:53:45 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 59 Message: 172

I agree.

No repeaters, unless your operating backpack mobile riding a unicycle juggling chainsaws. Then that's 2 points J

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Chris Danis
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2010 9:50 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

On Sat, Sep 18, 2010 at 4:05 PM, <p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

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173. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 13:54:46 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 59 Message: 173

Satellite operations require skill and those things are moving! Add them to the list.

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

--- On Sat, 9/25/10, Chris Danis <cdanis@...> wrote:

From: Chris Danis <cdanis@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010, 9:50 AM

On Sat, Sep 18, 2010 at 4:05 PM, <p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

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-chris N2YYZ

174. Re: New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 13:59:39 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 59 Message: 174

Yep, birds should count ('though I haven't done them myself-yet).
As per below: only if running at operating speed!

-snip-
> No repeaters, unless your operating backpack mobile riding a unicycle
> juggling chainsaws. Then that's 2 points J
>
> From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca] On Behalf
> Of Chris Danis
-end snip-

Barclay/wu1b

175. New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 14:02:10 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 59 Message: 175

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
p_o_t_a_ group:

Should QSOs made via satellites count for park activations?

o Yes
o No

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/surveys?id=13037984

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

176. Re: [p_o_t_a_] U.S. National Parks admission is free Today Sept. 25th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 14:02:42 UTC
From: Barclay M. Thomas
Topic: 170 Message: 176

Weeeell, since the Cockaponsett State Forest is almost in my back yard, maybe I'll take the long way to the Post Office aTX a bit from the Jeep.
Probably try to hit Charlie then move up or down a bit and CQ.

Barclay/wu1b
--
Barclay Thomas <barcthom@...>

177. I plan to be in the park this weekend and some DATA ideas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 14:08:03 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 177 Message: 177

There are several ham radio "sporting" events this weekend and I plan to play radio out of the park either this evening (the 25th) or the next.

<pota_event_announce>
<pota_event_ID>123456789</pota_event_ID>
<who>
<pota_ID>123</pota_ID>
<call>KJ4QZJ</call>
<name>Bryan</name>
<club>RARC</club>
<club>RATS</club>
<club>POTA</club>
<club>GORC</club>
<club>Flying Pigs</club>
<club>Polar_Bear_QRP_Ops</club>
</who>

<what>
<station>
<radio>FT-817 with Z-817</radio>
<antenna>G5RV full size 80 meter version</antenna>
<power_supply>2 RC Heli batteries 11.1v 4000mAh</power_supply>
</station>
<station>
<radio>Genesis Q40</radio>
<antenna>G5RV full size 80 meter version</antenna>
<power_supply>RC Heli battery 11.1v 4000mAh</power_supply>
</station>
<environment>my super awesome fold up shack. OK, it is a fold up chair but it has a desk, pockets, holders, loops, etc. If it reclined you could live in it!</environment>
</what>

<when>
<year>2010</year>
<month>9</month>
<month_name>September</month_name>
<day>25</day>
<day_name>Saturday</day_name>
<start>7 pm</start>
<end>23:00</end>
<time-zone>EST</time-zone>
</when>

</where>
<park>Chimborazo National Battlefield Park</park>
<location>Richmond, VA, USA 23223</location>

<grid>FM17hm</grid>
<geo>37d31.80' N 77d24.97' W</geo>
</where>

</why>Maybe it is the 200th anniversary of the park or some other special event!</why>
</pota_event_announce>

And its having me thinking about a event announcement form and the event follow up form. Any other fields that I missed?

Even if the form data is just getting dumped to files I think we should start collecting them soon. We can feed that data in the first DB system, even use it as test data while coding the rest of the system maybe...

<pota_event_report>
<pota_event_ID>123456789</pota_event_ID>
<actual-start>7:15 pm</actual-start>
<actual-end>10:15 pm<actual-end>
<log_format>ADIF</log_format>
<log>
<contact>manual log entry or file upload and data converted and put here</contact>
<contact>manual log entry or file upload and data converted and put here</contact>
</log>
<diary>What happened? Did wind blow the antenna down, squirrels carry off the snack bag? Did you make good DX into a dozen rare locations on 100 milli-watts? Curious HAMs want to know!</diary>
</pota_event_report>

I can then think of lots of things the system could do: calendaring, achievement tracking, submitting contest logs, sked-ing, submitting the event announcement to other groups like GORC or SKCC or whatever.

Anyway lots of playing to do this weekend maybe I'll catch you on the air!

Bryan
KJ4QZJ

178. What bands? => was: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 16:21:44 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 59 Message: 178

I think we are perhaps leaving out a growing group of Hams that may potentially have interest in this activity.

It shouldn't be how difficult or easy it is to activate a park but rather how can you include as many interested Hams on the other end.

IRLP DSTAR etc are growing in interest and it is permitting many Hams to be active on the air other than simple local VHF or UHF when otherwise they could not because of their living arrangements or other restrictions.

As long as the activator is using a radio on an assigned amateur radio frequency and mode whether it be LF/MF/HF/VHF/UHF/EHF/SHF, how the other end, the recipitient, the reason we are activating a park (or whatever) is the contacts we want to make and with the widest possible range.

Remember, if you (we) are trying to spread the word about our activity, our hobby, we need to do so in the broadest sense rather than be restrictive. You build interest by getting the other end (groups and individuals) involved in a hands on manner. Don't leave out those that may want to participate but can't because of our arbitrary and artificially imposed restrictions.

My vote is simply that the activating station use Ham Radio regardless of frequency, the recipient can be likewise equipped or can make contact through IRLP DSTAR (or whatever)

Incidentally stating it HF and VHF/UHF repeaters means you are stating that 160 meters (MF) can't be use nor can simplex on VHF/UHF/EHF/SHF

cheers, Graham ve3gtc

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> -chris N2YYZ
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179. Re: [HFpack] Re: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow creek state park - USFL001 - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-25 20:50:07 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 168 Message: 179

Activation information and log

http://www.ai4ri.net <- click on the PoTA link in the header.

charlie
ai4ri

180. USMA001, Hopkinton State Part, activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 02:30:41 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 180 Message: 180

Gorgeous afternoon for hamming in the park! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

181. Re: What bands? => was: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 03:05:30 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 59 Message: 181

Graham, your point regarding spreading the word about ham radio is well taken. My personal feeling is that the person working the POTA entity should be able to make contact with the activator using only a direct RF connection (without using a repeater or other intervening infrastructure). Also, I think when we used the term HF we were referring to all bands 160m through 10m (at least that was my intent). In any event I don't think anyone cares what band or mode is used as long as the activator can be successful at making QSOs.

Again, though, I think POTA should be a democracy. If others think that contacts via repeaters and/or from internet-linked users should count as 'legal' (as long as the activator is using an RF connection) then we can include them. What do others think?
 73, Brian WB9QVR

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cheers, Graham ve3gtc

182. Re: [HFpack] Re: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow creek state park - USFL001 - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 03:06:40 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 168 Message: 182

Charlie, due to family commitments I wasn't able to look for you on the air but
I am glad you had a successful activation and more importantly, fun!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

_____
From: "Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn" <ai4ri@...>
To: hfpack@yahoogroups.com
Cc: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, September 25, 2010 3:50:07 PM
Subject: Re: [HFpack] Re: [p_o_t_a_] Bulow creek state park - USFL001 -
Activation

Activation information and log

http://www.ai4ri.net <- click on the PoTA link in the header.

charlie
ai4ri

183. Re: [p_o_t_a_] USMA001, Hopkinton State Part, activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 03:08:10 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 180 Message: 183

Pete, you summed up the conditions here in Indiana as well! Hopefully you had a succcessful activation and made lots of contacts!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

Gorgeous afternoon for hamming in the park! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete

184. A very short write-up on activating MA001

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 14:04:41 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 184 Message: 184

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2010/09/25/parks-on-the-air-first-bay-state-park-activated/

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185. Re: [p_o_t_a_] A very short write-up on activating MA001

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 14:25:43 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 184 Message: 185

Very nice Pete, sounds like good fun getting POTA off to a running start.

cheers, Graham ve3gtc

On 9/26/2010 10:04, Pete Spotts wrote:
> http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2010/09/25/parks-on-the-air-first-bay-state-park-activated/
>
>
>

186. Big Hill Pond

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 14:39:47 UTC
From: Chuck
Topic: 186 Message: 186

Hello All,

Big Hill Pond State Park Tennessee (USTN001 ?) activated last night.
Great Weather! Partly Cloudy with low in the upper 50's and no wind.

Stations worked;
UA4HBW
CO6WD
F5IN
W2KLS
WA1IIE
W5MT
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Chuck
AF4O

187. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Big Hill Pond

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 14:59:21 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 186 Message: 187

On Sun, 2010-09-26 at 09:39 -0500, Chuck wrote:
>
> Hello All,
>
> Big Hill Pond State Park Tennessee (USTN001 ?) activated last night.
> Great Weather! Partly Cloudy with low in the upper 50's and no wind.
>

Nice work, Bill. You may well end up as the default recordkeeper for TN activations. I saw nothing for MA in the Yahoo Group's file section, so I copped the spreadsheet Fred, VE3FAL, pulled together for recording Ontario activations, then tweaked it a bit to add a second sheet recording the qualifying QSOs for each park. I'm not sure that's necessary in the end, but it makes for a nice bit of POTA history when someone a decade from now wants to chronicle the POTA's exponential growth! ;-)

This aspect of documenting the activity may have to work itself out over time. I suspect no single individual would want to be tapped as uber-keeper of POTA activations. For now, I guess it's he/she who makes the initial activation in a state/province gets the scribe's cap as well for national and state/provincial parks in his/her state or province.

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

188. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Big Hill Pond -- Nice work, Chuck!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 15:17:23 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 186 Message: 188

On Sun, 2010-09-26 at 10:59 -0400, Pete Spotts wrote:
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Sorry about that "Bill," my morning coffee hasn't quite kicked in yet!

With best regards,

Eustice (Pete) Spotts

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189. Pierre, thanks for the comment...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 16:25:16 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 189 Message: 189

...and go for it! At this stage, it takes a minimum of 5 QSOs HF or VHF/UHF simplex or some combination to activate a park. It would be wonderful to see some DX activations outside North America. South Africa would be a great place to start!

Feel free to join the Yahoo group and its email list!

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/

That way you can give us a heads up so those of us on this side of the pond can try to add some DX contacts to your activation(s).

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190. Testing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 16:40:55 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 189 Message: 190

Testing
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

-----Original Message-----
From: Pete Spotts <w1pns@arrl.net>
Date: Sun, 26 Sep 2010 12:25:16
To: <zs6bb@icon.co.za>
Reply-To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Cc: <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Pierre, thanks for the comment...

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191. Re: Big Hill Pond

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 20:54:26 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 186 Message: 191

WTG Chuck, I never has a chance to get to Pigeon River Provincial Park today, I am hoping next weekend will work for me.
The son and I went grouse hunting and hiking this morning, near the same area but no radio gear.

Fred
VE3FAL

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192. Re: What bands? => was: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 21:01:02 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 59 Message: 192

HF includes 160 meters in our scenario, and all VHF/UHF would be simplex..
As far as IRLP and Echolink etc go, I guess that can be left open for discussion, but I for one have and wont have ways to operate like that from our Park areas due to the vast area we live in with very spread out repeater and internet.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
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DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Graham
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, September 25, 2010 12:21 PM
Subject: What bands? => was: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

I think we are perhaps leaving out a growing group of Hams that may potentially have interest in this activity.

It shouldn't be how difficult or easy it is to activate a park but rather how can you include as many interested Hams on the other end.

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cheers, Graham ve3gtc

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What do others think?

73
-chris N2YYZ

193. Re: What bands? => was: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-26 22:54:01 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 59 Message: 193

Graham and Gang:

I guess as long as the operating station is operating HF (160-6) and VHF/UHF simplex it wont matter what the station on the other end is operating I guess. Someone could be running a remote station for that fact.
Food for thought as Graham has said...

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194. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Big Hill Pond

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-27 01:15:54 UTC
From: Chuck
Topic: 186 Message: 194

I started not to go since the xyl and i took our daughter back to college today and went bike riding afterwards. I didn't last as long biking as i usually do on the 5 hours sleep radioing the night away at the park :-). We have had a looooong hot summer (3rd hottest on record) so i am having cabin fever but from the long heat and not the long cold.

I deal with rules enough at work (hospital) so whatever the group decides as long as its an excuse to radio especially outdoors.

Chuck
AF4O

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195. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-27 14:29:41 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 195

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Virginia State Parks.xlsx
Uploaded by : andyemert <andyemert@...>
Description : List of Virginia State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Virginia%20State%20Parks.xlsx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

andyemert <andyemert@...>

196. my 2 cents on ECHO, IRLP, D-STAR...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-27 14:44:31 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 196 Message: 196

I personally do not consider internet backboned contacts as real radio contacts. I put them on the same level as telephone calls. I am not knocking them, I use them, it's just not the same thing to me.

Therefor I do not support achievements / awards for those type of contacts.

Bryan
KJ4QZJ

197. Re: [p_o_t_a_] my 2 cents on ECHO, IRLP, D-STAR...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-27 14:52:07 UTC
From: Blake Michael
Topic: 196 Message: 197

I am also an EchoLink, D-Star and IRLP user and also I agree completely with Bryan!

73 - Mike - K9JRI

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> Bryan
> KJ4QZJ
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198. POTA Activation of Gatineau Park, QC

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-27 15:13:37 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 198 Message: 198

Folks :

I am hoping to get out for a hike to Gatineau Park, QC this week sometime and do some operating. Unfortunately the WX doesn't seem to be cooperating but it looks like maybe it will be sunny on Thursday so my current goal is to head out on Thursday morning hike for an hour or so and setup and operate for an hour or two.

I am hoping that Gatineau Park will count as a National Park. It not "officially" listed as a Canadian National Park but it is administered by the National Capitol Commission which is a Federal Crown Corporation so it's certainly not a Provincial Park. The NCC is a strange beast that is responsible for a number of federally owned properties and parkland in the Ottawa area.

http://www.canadascapital.gc.ca/bins/ncc_web_content_page.asp?cid=16297-16299-10170&lang=1

I hope to operate on the edge of the Eardley Escarpment which will give me a clear shot to south and west at an Elevation of about

More details to come (bands/operating times) when I am sure that the WX is going to cooperate.

Michael VE3WMB / VA2NB

199. POTA approval

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-27 20:24:04 UTC
From: Reddog
Topic: 199 Message: 199

Esteemed collegues,

I'm hoping to "POTA-VATE" the Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Reserve next month. Problem is I don't know if it qualifies as a park. Would you please use the hyper link and have a look at the web site and advise.
Your help is greatly appreciated.

http://www.muskokaheritage.org/natural/torrancebarrens.asp

Cheers!
Doug...
VE3GHQ/VA3000SWL

200. Recognition for Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 00:28:24 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 200 Message: 200

To ALL,

I think there should be recognition to the FIRST Ham that activates, with proof, any Park in the system.

This would include the Ham's CALL, DATE, and NAME of the park.
Also have it included as #1 on that park's list.

Each time the park is activated by the same or other hams this
information will also create a tally on how many times the park is activated.

There might even be some ability to print a certificate that has the Ham's name, call, name of park and the date first activated.

Most of all, this will spurn enthusiasm to get parks activated.

N4NSS Kyle

201. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 00:56:31 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 201

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Florida State Parks.xlsx
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Florida%20State%20Parks.xlsx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

202. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Recognition for Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 01:00:12 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 200 Message: 202

i was thinking of a similar thing when i was in the park saturday...

i'm going to make a qsl card and send it of to the 22 or so people
that I made a qso with, and who knows... maybe they'll send one back :)

as an aside, if the wife lets me have the use of her car this
weekend i'm going to try and go for park #2 - that will be tomoka
state park, the only two official state parks that are within easy
distance for me.

charlie
ai4ri

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203. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 01:06:06 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 5 Message: 203

On 9/27/2010 20:56, p_o_t_a_@... wrote:
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> Description : Florida State Parks
>
i'll take the responsibility to assign numbers/counties etc to
these. it will take me a while, but i'll get there....
as i said in another email, i'm planning on getting a couple more
done over the next few weeks...

they're all within like 5 miles of bulow creek state park, but are
actually 3 different entities heh.

if anyone else activates, let me know what county and grid it is
that will help. and ill assign a number to it.

charlie
ai4ri

204. This weekend-Pigeon River Provincial Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 10:21:16 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 204 Message: 204

Gang:
I hope to be at Pigeon River Provincial Park on saturday around 10:00am.
I will try and operate cw and hope to maybe operate SSB as well. I will have my FT-817 and put wires in the trees.
I will try and stick close to the HFPack frequencies for voice, and hope to be around 7.113 and 14.055 for cw.
I wont have any internet or texting from here to post, so just keep a listen for me.

Fred
VE3FAL

205. Re: [p_o_t_a_] This weekend-Pigeon River Provincial Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 11:34:30 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 204 Message: 205

Fred,

What time zone for the park? Also approx time for the CW ops. Thanks

On Tue, Sep 28, 2010 at 5:21 AM, fred <ve3fal@...> wrote:

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Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, EM22cv
Point, Rains Co., Texas
http://w5usj.com

206. POTA approval repost

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 12:33:02 UTC
From: Reddog
Topic: 206 Message: 206

Esteemed collegues,

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Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Cheers!
Doug...
VE3GHQ/VA3000SWL

207. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA approval repost

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 12:45:16 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 206 Message: 207

I looked at this and not sure if this does indeed qualify. We will need some
of the other esteemed to review this.
It looks like a Park to me, but just missing the correct designation.
Lets see what the other guys have to say, if we allow one we will set
presidence for other items.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
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208. Re: [p_o_t_a_] This weekend-Pigeon River Provincial Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 12:47:52 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 204 Message: 208

Sorry Chuck that was 10:00 am EST, so arond 1300z, I will start with CW and SSB will be a last resort for me if CW dies off, (I have to find the microphone :)), I never use one..
I may try some voice at 45 minutes to the hour near the HF Pack 20 meter frequency and 40 meter frequency but hope to operate CW. I will try and operate 40 meters on or near 7.113 for first 30 minutes, and then 14.055 for the next half to 15 minutes....

Fred
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On Tue, 28 Sep 2010 06:34:30 -0500
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Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, EM22cv
Point, Rains Co., Texas
http://w5usj.com

209. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA approval repost

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 13:08:33 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 206 Message: 209

Hi Doug,

It looks like that may not qualify, since it's not park of a state/province park system. But it looks cool! Set aside, I presume for astronomy buffs?

Others may have a different take on it. Either way, enjoy!

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

-----Original Message-----
From: "Reddog" <dxreddog@...>
Sender: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2010 12:33:02
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Reply-To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] POTA approval repost

Esteemed collegues,

I'm hoping to "POTA-VATE" the Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Reserve next month.
Problem is I don't know if it qualifies as a park. Would you please use the
hyper link and have a look at the web site and advise.
Your help is greatly appreciated.

http://www.muskokaheritage.org/natural/torrancebarrens.asp

Cheers!
Doug...
VE3GHQ/VA3000SWL

210. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA approval repost

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 13:15:51 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 206 Message: 210

On 9/28/2010 08:45, Fred VE3FAL wrote:
> I looked at this and not sure if this does indeed qualify. We will need some
> of the other esteemed to review this.
> It looks like a Park to me, but just missing the correct designation.
> Lets see what the other guys have to say, if we allow one we will set
> presidence for other items.
according to this list, it doesnt qualify as a national park or a
provincial park

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Ontario_Parks

charlie
ai4ri

211. Re: POTA approval

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 13:24:14 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 199 Message: 211

Doug :

You raise a good point, in additional to the Ontario Provincial Parks there are a large number of Conservation Area's which are administered by the province as well.
I personally think that these should be grouped under the umbrella of Provincial Parks.

The main difference from a usage perspective is, because of the sensitive habits that they protect, the conservation areas are restricted to day use so they don't allow overnight camping which the Ontario Provincial Parks do allow.

Michael VE3WMB / VA2NB

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> VE3GHQ/VA3000SWL
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212. Re: [p_o_t_a_] This weekend-Pigeon River Provincial Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-28 17:10:13 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 204 Message: 212

I may even take my laptop with me and operate some PSK in the field as well.
Would be kind of fun from the picnic table setup.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Tue, 28 Sep 2010 08:47:52 -0400
"Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
Sorry Chuck that was 10:00 am EST, so arond 1300z, I will start with CW
and
SSB will be a last resort for me if CW dies off, (I have to find the
microphone :)), I never use one..
I may try some voice at 45 minutes to the hour near the HF Pack 20 meter
frequency and 40 meter frequency but hope to operate CW. I will try and
operate 40 meters on or near 7.113 for first 30 minutes, and then 14.055 for
the next half to 15 minutes....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
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On Tue, 28 Sep 2010 06:34:30 -0500
Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@...> wrote:
Fred,

What time zone for the park? Also approx time for the CW ops. Thanks

On Tue, Sep 28, 2010 at 5:21 AM, fred <ve3fal@...> wrote:

> Gang:
> I hope to be at Pigeon River Provincial Park on saturday around 10:00am.
> I will try and operate cw and hope to maybe operate SSB as well. I will
> have my FT-817 and put wires in the trees.
> I will try and stick close to the HFPack frequencies for voice, and hope to
> be around 7.113 and 14.055 for cw.
> I wont have any internet or texting from here to post, so just keep a
> listen for me.
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> Fred
> VE3FAL

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Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, EM22cv
Point, Rains Co., Texas
http://w5usj.com

213. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Recognition for Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-29 01:05:04 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 200 Message: 213

Kyle, I think that's a good idea. We'll try to keep track of the 'firsts' and at least acknowledge those accomplishments on the upcoming web site. Thanks!
 73, Brian WB9QVR

To ALL,

I think there should be recognition to the FIRST Ham that activates, with proof, any Park in the system.

This would include the Ham's CALL, DATE, and NAME of the park.
Also have it included as #1 on that park's list.

Each time the park is activated by the same or other hams this
information will also create a tally on how many times the park is activated.

There might even be some ability to print a certificate that has the Ham's name, call, name of park and the date first activated.

Most of all, this will spurn enthusiasm to get parks activated.

N4NSS Kyle

214. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: POTA approval

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-29 01:59:02 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 199 Message: 214

I think we definitely need to set some sort of criteria regarding what is a POTA entity and what is not. My personal take on it is that we should initially recognize only those parks who are listed by some sort of administrative body as actually being a 'park', i. e. from a list of national or state/provincial parks from the groups that manage them. In order to recognize other types of areas as POTA entities we need to come up with a list of characteristics that we would consider to define a park. Otherwise I think the list will become out of control with all sorts of geographic locations that one person or another wants to activate.
73, Brian WB9QVR

Doug :

You raise a good point, in additional to the Ontario Provincial Parks there are a large number of Conservation Area's which are administered by the province as well.

I personally think that these should be grouped under the umbrella of Provincial Parks.

The main difference from a usage perspective is, because of the sensitive habits that

they protect, the conservation areas are restricted to day use so they don't allow overnight camping which the Ontario Provincial Parks do allow.

Michael VE3WMB / VA2NB

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> Cheers!
> Doug...
> VE3GHQ/VA3000SWL
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215. Re: POTA approval

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-29 12:17:47 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 199 Message: 215

I'm in agreement with Brian/WB9QVR in that we need some hard criteria as to what a 'Park' entity is.
My take would be that it is listed in a State/Provincial/National database/listing as such. I.e.: "xyz state park" or "cdq provincial recreation area".
'An area open to the general public and administered by the state/province/region as a park or recreation/conservation area'.
Keeping the thought in mind that contact with John Q. Public is to be welcomed in the light of promoting amateur radio as a hobby as well as a means of emergency communications.

For another take on something similar, take a look at the upcoming Nation Wildlife Refuge Week at:
<http://nwrweek-radio.info/>.

My tu'pence plus a ha'penny,
Barclay/wu1b
Ps; CT parks list coming soon

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "ve3wmb" <mbabineau@...> wrote:
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> > Cheers!
> > Doug...
> > VE3GHQ/VA3000SWL
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216. Spots and Posts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-30 19:49:46 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 216 Message: 216

On Thu, 30 Sep 2010 15:49:11 -0400
"Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
On saturday I will be out of internet range, I plan to spot via APRS VHF
or
if possible via APRS on 30 meters. I have the email for SKCC and POTA but
how would I post via APRS to QRPSPOTS...?

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
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217. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Spots and Posts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-30 19:55:12 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 216 Message: 217

Fred,

This should help:
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/june2010/qrp_spots.htm

-chris N2YYZ

218. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Spots and Posts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-01 01:36:53 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 216 Message: 218

If using WINMOR is there an address that will get me into QRP SPOTS?
Been playing on 30 meters tonight and got a message to myself via HF, but would like another means that might be more relaible...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Fred VE3FAL
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 3:49 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Spots and Posts

On Thu, 30 Sep 2010 15:49:11 -0400
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219. Trip Report: Rideau River Privincial Park - September 18th/19th + 2 summer trips

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 05:09:31 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 219 Message: 219

Here's my blog entry for last weekend camping at Rideau River Provincial Park with Michael VE3WMB, Jim VE3XJ, Bill VE3CLQ and others.

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=612

I camped 2 nights and ended up making 23 QSOs including 6 DX QSOs and 1 QRP-to-QRP DX contact.

Can you add my name to the Activation Log please Fred?

Also here are some previous activations from Provincial Parks this past Summer which group members might enjoy.

Not sure if they count for activation though since POTA was not formed at that time:

August 17th, canoeing and camping in Frontenac Provincial Park with my QRP radio (12 QSOs):

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=537

Flight of the Bumblebees from Bon Echo Provincial Park (51 QSOs)

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=503

73!
Martin
VA3SIE.

220. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Spots and Posts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-01 11:12:27 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 216 Message: 220

Fred,

Is this the one...

http://www.qrpspots.com/

Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, Point, -|- Rains Co., TX -|- EM22cv -|- 72/73
55 years -|- 19 as K2OFN and 36 as W5USJ -|- Most fun = QRP since 1984.
Website = http://www.w5usj.com

221. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Spots and Posts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-01 11:20:31 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 216 Message: 221

Yes that is the one, but I want to be able to send a post via HF or VHF APRS. I will not be in cell range to text or internet range.
I would like to post my spots be it digital etc and bands.
I was able to play with our loacl WL2K Packet station and was able to get an APRS message sent via APRS, but again I might be very limited to the VHF range where I am going near the border to Pigeon River Park.
Will see how we do, I want to play some cw, maybe SSB and some digital while out there.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
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On Fri, 01 Oct 2010 06:12:27 -0500
Chuck Carpenter <w5usj@...> wrote:
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222. Re: Spots and Posts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-01 15:01:03 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 216 Message: 222

Fred :

I am not aware of any direct link via email into QRPSPOTS.

However if you have a cellphone and have coverage from the area
that you will be operating you can use Tweets from Twitter
sent via SMS from your phone.

Oh, yeah there is a possible way that you could make this work with
email. There is something called Twittermail which allows you to send and/or
receive Twitter Tweets via email. In theory you could setup a Twittermail
account (free) and use that email address as a destination when using
WINMOR. That would get your spot to QRPSPOTs via Twitter.

This sounds a lot more complicated than it really is, it is actually quite easy to setup.
I see if Guy has an updated Howto on this.

Michael VE3WMB

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
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223. Call Freq?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-01 18:30:55 UTC
From: Reddog
Topic: 223 Message: 223

Hello POTA friends,

Just curious if there is a POTA call frequency or are we using QRP call frequencies or are we just using whatever we want based on the mode we are using. Not sure if this question has been asked before. If it has, please excuse the duplication.

Cheers!
Doug...
VE3GHQ/VA30005SWL

224. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Call Freq?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-01 19:06:45 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 223 Message: 224

I myself am sticking near the QRP frequencies on CW, and the HF pack frequencies if I ever use voice.
I will operate some digital comms tomorrow from Pigeon River Provincial Park.
Gonna operate my HB1A on cw and my FT-817 on digital modes probably on 30 meters.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
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225. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Call Freq?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-01 19:16:09 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 223 Message: 225

i just use the HFpack frequency 14.3425. i dont see any reason why we shouldnt/couldnt...
imho why start another frequency when the current one is underused ?

it would be just like putting up another 2m repeater when you have 3 in the area that are silent 22 hours out of the day.

just my tuppence worth

charlie

----- Original Message -----
From: "Reddog" <dxreddog@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 14:30
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Call Freq?

Hello POTA friends,

Just curious if there is a POTA call frequency or are we using QRP call frequencies or are we just using whatever we want based on the mode we are using. Not sure if this question has been asked before. If it has, please excuse the duplication.

226. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Call Freq?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 01:30:50 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 223 Message: 226

Yes, I agree that using the HFPack/QRP frequencies would be best. Those are well-established and are already a 'watering hole' for many involved in these types of operations. Of course courtesy should always be first and foremost in mind so if one plans a long POTA operation it might be best not to monopolize a particular frequency.
 73, Brian WB9QVR

From: Charles Blackburn <ai4ri@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Fri, October 1, 2010 2:16:09 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Call Freq?

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227. cq on 14.3425

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 12:09:09 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 227 Message: 227

qrv on 14.325 for james ormond park - couldnt get access to tomoka state park, but they're running the MS150 bike race up here this weekend.

charlie
ai4ri

228. Todays Operation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 12:17:50 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 228 Message: 228

I have to take my son first to The Kids Help Phone day as he is helping out with that, so it will be noon local time when I get set up, that is 1600z....
I will try and stick close to the HFPack frequencies for voice, and hope to be around 7.113 and 14.055 for cw, and will operate 20 meter digital most likely PSK..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
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229. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 12:34:55 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 229

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Texas State Parks.xls
Uploaded by : w5usj <w5usj@...>
Description : Texas State Parks List

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Texas%20State%20Parks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

w5usj <w5usj@...>

230. Texas State Parks Excel File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 12:39:28 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 230 Message: 230

Replaced the PDF file with an Excel file.

The lists I've used to build the file don't all agree. There should be a few more than now included in the file. Anyone who has info to add or change, let me know and I'll do that, and thanks.

231. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Camping in TN Saturday night

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-24 00:22:07 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 154 Message: 231

Have fun Chuck, I am hoping to get to Pigeon River Provincial Park on Sunday morning for some nice fall morning operating too.
I will post if all pans out ok.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
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On Thu, 23 Sep 2010 18:33:43 -0500
Chuck <af4o@...> wrote:
Hi All,

If all goes well, will be going camping Saturday night 9-25 approx 6pm to 9-26 approx 9am. Big Hill Pond State Park in southwest Tennessee. With the CQWW DX RTTY Test going on, will likely take a SW+30 and be on 30 meter CW. I may go ahead and throw the HB-1A in also but i imagine that 40 and 20 will be tough for qrp cw.

I hope to put up a 80-100' vertical in the tall trees with about half dozen radials. Power will be about 2 watts out. Just hope 30 doesn't die out at night.

I will use USTN001 until a system is ironed out. As one poster said, its just for the fun anyway :-)

72
73
Chuck
AF4O

232. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Todays Operation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 13:45:24 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 228 Message: 232

Guess there is rtty test today, I will make all digital stuff including sstv on 30 meters....
Will stick with 14.055 +/- and 7.113 +/-
Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: VE3FAL
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 02, 2010 8:17 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Todays Operation

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CIW649/VE3FAL
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233. Re: Spots and Posts

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 13:54:09 UTC
From: Joe
Topic: 216 Message: 233

Fred,

My gameplan is to take my MacBook with me. I already carry my iPhone on me. I can "tether" the two if the MacBook can't find an open WiFi spot and use the iPhone's cell connection to get online.

I don't know if you have a laptop but I'm guessing you probably have a cell phone - perhaps there is a similar solution available to you?

(Yes, I realize iPhone comes with "Mail" but I've never bothered to set it up and who wants e-mail on a tiny screen? Maybe your cell phone has a similar "Mail" program?)

73/72!
Joe WB3CFN

234. QRV from Salt Fork State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 15:00:01 UTC
From: aj8p
Topic: 234 Message: 234

AJ8P, Jeff will operate from Salt Fork State Park, Ohio starting around 16:30-17:00 UTC Saturday Oct 2...look around QRP CW freq on 20m to start, 17m at 18:00 UTC, 30m, 40m 19:00 UTC. Thats the sked but you guys know how it is , will go where conditions take me and Wx here could be a factor. Rig will be Yaesu FT817 @4W aerial is a MFJ screwdriver with Dx Engineering extensions and top hat on back of my Jeep Wrangler.....AJ8P

235. qrv 17m salt fork state park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 17:18:47 UTC
From: aj8p
Topic: 235 Message: 235

20m band busy with contest around qrp freq..on 18.096 calling cq now, will move to 30m @ 18:00 utc...10.106...10.117.5..AJ8P

236. Poll results for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 20:50:34 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 236 Message: 236

The following p_o_t_a_ poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: Do you feel the Parks should have a numbering system attached to them ?

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- Yes, 30 votes, 83.33%
- No, 6 votes, 16.67%

For more information about this group, please visit
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_

For help with Yahoo! Groups, please visit
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/

237. Poll results for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 20:50:56 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 236 Message: 237

The following p_o_t_a_ poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: What bands do you think should be used for activations?

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- HF only, 3 votes, 9.38%
- HF and VHF/UHF Simplex, 27 votes, 84.38%
- HF and VHF/UHF Repaters, 2 votes, 6.25%

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238. Poll results for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 20:51:07 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 236 Message: 238

The following p_o_t_a_ poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: How many contacts do you think should be required to class a Park as active?

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- 1, 9 votes, 27.27%
- 5, 19 votes, 57.58%
- 10, 3 votes, 9.09%
- 25, 2 votes, 6.06%

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239. Poll results for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-02 20:52:58 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 236 Message: 239

The following p_o_t_a_ poll is now closed. Here are the
final results:

POLL QUESTION: Should QSOs made via satellites count for park activations?

CHOICES AND RESULTS
- No, 1 votes, 7.14%
- Yes, 13 votes, 92.86%

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240. Florida Parks List

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 02:26:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 240 Message: 240

FYI....If there are any activations of Florida State Parks please provide me with the information so I can update the Florida State Park's file.
Please include Your name, call, and when, etc.

Kyle N4NSS@...

241. Boarderland State Park -- USMA002 -- has arrived...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 02:58:54 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 241 Message: 241

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2010/10/02/parks-on-the-air-borderland-sp-now-usma002/

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | G-QRP #13202

242. Borderland State Park -- USMA002 -- has arrived... (corrected)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 02:59:45 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 242 Message: 242

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2010/10/02/parks-on-the-air-borderland-sp-now-usma002/

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243. Results From Pigeon River Provincial Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 03:32:16 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 243 Message: 243

I wish to thank both Ralph N4EX and Pete W1NPS for the two contacts today while at the Park.
I was up and running by 1600z with the FT817, buddipole for 20 meters and the end fed wire for 40 meters.
I attempted to post via APRS on 2 meters my frequency and modes (that is why I need to get my APRS station back up) but just as I thought where I was located near the MN/ON border comms back to Thunder Bay are limited, I do not own a cell phone and if I did coverage is limited to this area as well.
My first contact was with N4EX who gave me a 569, Ralph was also kind enough to spot me on QRPSPOTS as well (Thanks Ralph).
I attempted to play with some digital stuff firing up the laptop and the signalink, bt with the TARA Rumble trying to make a QSO was next to impossible, went up to the 20 meter HFPack frequency and all I could hear was CQ California QSO Party.
The 20 meter cw band was busy with CQ P and that was annoying as peopel were calling CQ over me on 14.058
The clouds looked like we were going to get snow flurries, and with the wind it felt like it too. I called over and over again on 40 and 20 but it looked like I was going to be skunked. Then at 1913z W1NPS answered my CQ from Borderland State Park, Pete was 559 and he gave me a 559 as well.
By this time I had been outside for 3.5 hours and I was getting pretty numb, I had to be on the road by 2000z to head for home, so shut down the station with 2 QSO's towards activation of the Park.
Next Saturday our familes are having our Thanksgiving get to gether, so I hope to be back out there next Sunday under better conditions and less QRM to get 3 more QSO's to activate the Park and give it a number.
I am going to put some photos in the photo section of the setup and the location.

Thanks gang
Fred
VE3FAL

244. Poll Results

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 04:08:58 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 244 Message: 244

Gang:
Poll results are closed for a few of the polls that I put together to try and some feelings from folks as to what direction we should take with some of the structure for our group. Brian was the body behind this group so will make sure he gets some input and suggestions in here as well.
Poll#1:
Do you feel the Parks should have a numbering system attached to them ?

Responses
Choices Votes
Yes 30 83
No 6 16
So looks like a numbering system is agreed to and I think we have this one just about ironed out to the point where we can say it is permanent press material.

Poll#2:
What bands do you think should be used for activations?

Responses
Choices Votes
HF only 3 9
HF and VHF/UHF Simplex 27 84
HF and VHF/UHF Repaters 2 6
Looks like HF and VHF/UHF Simplex take the lead here, now this meaning HF as in 160-6 meters including WARC bands, and VHF/UHF simplex frequencies but Satellite should also be included in this one, the simplex when I started the poll was to rule out repeaters and IRLP etc...

Poll#3:
How many contacts do you think should be required to class a Park as active?

Responses
Choices Votes
1 9 27
5 19 57
10 3 9
25 2 6
Well this one had lots of votes and it looks like 5 QSO's are required to class a Park as activated in order to give it a number. With that being said, we need to agree that the 5 QSO's need not take place at any one time, but that all 5 QSO's do need to be made from within the same Park. This could be due to lack of participation, band conditions or weather conditions that cut the activation short.

I am looking for any other comments or suggestions just as I am sure that Brian is as well.

Fred
VE3FAL

List Owner/Moderator

245. Results From Salt Fork State Park, Ohio operation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 04:43:22 UTC
From: aj8p
Topic: 245 Message: 245

20m band just had to much activity around the qrp frequency, which is ok with me, moved up to 17m and called CQ till blue in the face, thats ok, always another band, down to 30m and all was well.good qso with KG8YT, he was running a sierra @2 watts,FB! next in the log was SM6BGG, I'm starting to feel it now, I caught up with CT3/DL9MWG just down the band, he really hung in there with my 449 report, IS0GQX was calling CQ and jumped on it, back he came giving me a 559 report. It was a good day in the park, 30m was jumping with DX and it was great to make a few contacts..my setup: MFJ Screwdriver on the back of my Jeep Wrangler, that Dx Engineering TopHat is great on the Screwdriver, rig was my trusty yaesu FT817 @ 4 watts.
AJ8P

247. Pigeon River Prov this morning

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 12:51:26 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 247 Message: 247

1400z on 30 meters at 10.107 for a few hours....
Ham stick and HB1A....

Fred
VE3FAL/P

248. hamsticks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 16:10:13 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 248 Message: 248

got a question about hamsticks for those in the know :)

currently my hamstick is on the ladder rack of the truck and with
the feedline through the apartment window it works great. contacts
from california to european russia.

the problem i have is I have an S7-S9 noise floor, my question
is..... if I put a few turns of coax just before it feeds into the
antenna would that help?

i'm not getting any RF into the shack at all and the hamstick is no
more than 1.3:1 which 9/10 times i dont use the tuner on the ts480 with.

i know its nothing in the shack/apartment as i've killed the power
to everything and run it off batteries and i still get it.

any ideas appreciated

charlie
ai4ri

249. Re: [p_o_t_a_] hamsticks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 16:41:16 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 248 Message: 249

Charles,
I too have high QRN...Unless you get away from the apartment or get the antenna above the building you will continue to get that QRN. That is why I belong to this group, GORC, and others that promote portable ops.

Check out this group for a better answer:
HAM ANTENNAS Anything and everything, tell us or ask questions. Replies go to ALL 2111 members (as of 2/2/10),
Post message: ham-antennas@yahoogroups.com
Subscribe: ham-antennas-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

73,
Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

--- On Sun, 10/3/10, Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn <ai4ri@...> wrote:

From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn <ai4ri@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] hamsticks
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc: hfpack@yahoogroups.com
Date: Sunday, October 3, 2010, 12:10 PM

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250. Re: [p_o_t_a_] hamsticks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 16:58:22 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 248 Message: 250

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i think it might be coming from the aircon units outside and I know
I get some off the light outside, it's kinda like a sodium lamp but
white, i get a bit of hiss if i park under it with an am station on.

The qrm dropped a little (1 sunit) since they replaced the one
aircon outside so im figuring it's those, i might run out one night
and turn them all off for a minute or so if i can get away with it
to see if that helps. not that there's much i can do about it if it
is, but itll tell me if they are causing a problem :)

btw, waiting for ups to come on monday with my 20& 40m hustler
resonators.

ty for the answer
charlie
ai4ri

251. Re: [p_o_t_a_] my 2 cents on ECHO, IRLP, D-STAR...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-09-27 14:56:58 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 196 Message: 251

I agree with bot of you guys as well on this one. But the important thing is that the activator is NOT running it. How it is received on th eother end is out of our control, but control on our end is using 160-6, 2 and 440 and sats.....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Mon, 27 Sep 2010 10:52:07 -0400
Blake Michael <k9jri@...> wrote:
I am also an EchoLink, D-Star and IRLP user and also I agree completely with
Bryan!

73 - Mike - K9JRI

On Sep 27, 2010, at 10:44 AM, walscobry wrote:

> I personally do not consider internet backboned contacts as real radio
>contacts. I put them on the same level as telephone calls. I am not knocking
>them, I use them, it's just not the same thing to me.
>
> Therefor I do not support achievements / awards for those type of contacts.
>
> Bryan
> KJ4QZJ
>
>

252. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 17:33:40 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 252

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Wisconsin State Parks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Wiscon State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Wisconsin%20State%20Parks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

253. Pigeon River Prov. Park now CAON002

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 17:34:45 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 253 Message: 253

Went back this morning and we are now activated as CAON002 for Pigeon River Provincial Park.

The log looks like this:
October 2nd 2010
1635z N4EX 14.058 579/569 cw 2.5w Rich NC
1913z W1PNS 14.058 559/559 cw 2.5w Pete Borderland State Park MA
October 3rd 2010
1424z AB8AV 10.106 559/549 cw 2.5w Joe Norton OH
1535z WB2IVJ 10.107 589/579 cw 5w Steve Massena NY
1606z K9DP 10.107 579/549 cw 5w Dan Lebanon OH

All contacts were made oustide using an FT-817, hamstick for 30 meters, buddipole on 20 meters and a end fed wire for 40 meters.
Temp this morning when I went out was -5C but warmed up nicely before we left.Thanks to those who helped with the activation, 5 special QSL cards will go to these folks for helping with the actiavtion.

Cheers

Fred VE3FAL

Next is Kakabeka Park, then Sleeping Giant (Sibley) Provincal Park.
There is a nice Pavillion for winter ops using snoeshoes at Pigeon River for some winter operations.

254. Re: [p_o_t_a_] hamsticks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 21:46:09 UTC
From: Jeremy Breef-Pilz
Topic: 248 Message: 254

The Hamstick is a vertical so it will naturally pick up local noise. I have had some experience with an Outbacker portable antenna, which is of similar concept to the Hamstick. Outbacker markets a tripod to use with it's antenna, and in the use of this tripod it emphasizes the use of radials and physically coupling the tripod with the earth. What I might suggest is grounding the bracket while you are operating, this may not fully cure your problem but I feel that it enhances these types of antennas.

-Jeremy Breef-Pilz

On Sun, Oct 3, 2010 at 12:58, Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn <ai4ri@....com>wrote:

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> ty for the answer
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> ai4ri
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255. New York State Parks and Historic SIte / Numbering

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-03 22:08:19 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 255 Message: 255

I don't know if there is a final consensus about historic sites but I think they should be included. One reason I think this is important is that while admission is generally charged for parks, access to many historic sites is free. This is the case in in New York anyway, and probably many other places.

As far as numbering, my proposal is state/province abbreviation and a serial number. National parks would use the country abbreviation. add a P for Park, H for historic site.

So here is my numbered (in alphabetic order) lists for New York.

Data is from the NYS Parks web site. List is in the format
Park Number Park Name
Park Location C if camping available (NYS Region)

Park location is city or town only.

KC2WI

New York State Parks
http://nysparks.com/parks/park-results.aspx?n=&src=1&tab=2

NYP-001 Allan H. Treman State Marine Park
Ithaca (Finger Lakes)

NYP-002 Allegany State Park
Salamanca C (Allegany)

NYP-003 Allegany State Park - Quaker Area
Salamanca C (Allegany)

NYP-004 Allegany State Park - Red House Area
Salamanca C (Allegany)

NYP-005 Anthony Wayne Recreation Area - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-006 Battle Island State Park
Fulton (Central)

NYP-007 Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park
Oakdale (Long Island)

NYP-008 Bayswater Point State Park
Staten Island (New York City)

NYP-009 Bear Mountain State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-010 Beaver Island State Park
Grand Island (Niagara)

NYP-011 Beaver Pond Campgrounds - Harriman State Park
Pomona C (Palisades)

NYP-012 Belmont Lake State Park
North Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-013 Bethpage State Park
Farmingdale (Long Island)

NYP-014 Betty and Wilbur Davis State Park
Cooperstown C (Central)

NYP-015 Big Six Mile Creek Marina
Grand Island (Niagara)

NYP-016 Blauvelt State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-017 Bonavista State Park Golf Course
Ovid (Finger Lakes)

NYP-018 Bowman Lake State Park
Oxford C (Central)

NYP-019 Brookhaven State Park
Wading River (Long Island)

NYP-020 Buckhorn Island State Park
Grand Island (Niagara)

NYP-021 Burnham Point State Park
Cape Vincent C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-022 Buttermilk Falls State Park
Ithaca C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-023 Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
Smithtown (Long Island)

NYP-024 Camp Hero State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-025 Canandaigua Lake State Marine Park
Canadaigua (Finger Lakes)

NYP-026 Canoe-Picnic Point State Park
Clayton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-027 Captree State Park
Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-028 Catharine Valley Trail
Watkins Glen (Finger Lakes)

NYP-029 Caumsett State Historic Park
Huntington (Long Island)

NYP-030 Cayuga Lake State Park
Seneca Falls C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-031 Cedar Island State Park
Hammond C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-032 Cedar Point State Park
Clayton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-033 Chenango Valley State Park
Chenango Forks C (Central)

NYP-034 Cherry Plain State Park
Cherry Plain C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-035 Chimney Bluffs State Park
Wolcott (Finger Lakes)

NYP-036 Chittenango Falls State Park
Cazenovia (Central)

NYP-037 Clarence Fahnestock State Park
Carmel C (Taconic)

NYP-038 Clark Reservation State Park
Jamesville (Central)

NYP-039 Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve
Staten Island (New York City)

NYP-040 Cold Spring Harbor State Park
Huntington (Long Island)

NYP-041 Coles Creek State Park
Waddington C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-042 Conesus Lake Boat Launch
Castile (Genesee)

NYP-043 Connetquot River State Park Preserve
Oakdale (Long Island)

NYP-044 Cumberland Bay State Park
Plattsburg C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-045 Darien Lakes State Park
Darien Center C (Genesee)

NYP-046 De Veaux Woods State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-047 Deans Cove Boat Launch
Seneca Falls (Finger Lakes)

NYP-048 Delta Lake State Park
Rome C (Central)

NYP-049 Devil's Hole State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-050 Dewolf Point State Park
Fineview C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-051 Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park
Lewiston (Niagara)

NYP-052 East River State Park
Brooklyn (New York City)

NYP-053 Eel Weir State Park
Ogdensburg C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-054 Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park
Brooklyn (New York City)

NYP-055 Evangola State Park
Irving C (Niagara)

NYP-056 Fahnestock Winter Park
Cold Spring (Taconic)

NYP-057 Fair Haven Beach State Park
Fair Haven C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-058 Fillmore Glen State Park
Moravia C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-059 Fort Niagara State Park
Youngstown (Niagara)

NYP-060 Four Mile Creek State Park
Youngstown C (Niagara)

NYP-061 Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park
Yorktown Heights (Taconic)

NYP-062 Gantry Plaza State Park
(Long Island) City (New York City)

NYP-063 Gilbert Lake State Park
Laurens C (Central)

NYP-064 Gilgo State Park
Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-065 Glimmerglass State Park
Cooperstown C (Central)

NYP-066 Golden Hill State Park
Barker C (Niagara)

NYP-067 Goosepond Mountain State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-068 Governor Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park
Kings Park (Long Island)

NYP-069 Grafton Lakes State Park
Grafton (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-070 Grass Point State Park
Alexandria Bay C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-071 Green Lakes State Park
Fayetteville C (Central)

NYP-072 Hamlin Beach State Park
Hamlin C (Genesee)

NYP-073 Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area
Dansville (Finger Lakes)

NYP-074 Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-075 Heckscher State Park
East Islip C (Long Island)

NYP-076 Hempstead Lake State Park
West Hempstead (Long Island)

NYP-077 High Tor State Park
New City (Palisades)

NYP-078 Highland Lakes State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-079 Higley Flow State Park
Colton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-080 Hither Hills State Park
Montauk C (Long Island)

NYP-081 Honeoye Lake Boat Launch State Park
Honeoye (Finger Lakes)

NYP-082 Hudson Highlands State Park
Beacon (Taconic)

NYP-083 Hudson River Islands State Park
Schodack Landing (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-084 Hunt's Pond State Park
Laurens (Central)

NYP-085 Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park
Hamlin (Genesee)

NYP-086 Jacques Cartier State Park
Morristown C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-087 James Baird State Park
Pleasant Valley (Taconic)

NYP-088 Jamesport State Park
Wading River (Long Island)

NYP-089 Jones Beach State Park
Wantagh (Long Island)

NYP-090 Joseph Davis State Park
Lewiston (Niagara)

NYP-091 Keewaydin State Park
Alexandria Bay C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-092 Keuka Lake State Park
Bluff Point C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-093 Knox Farm State Park
East Aurora (Niagara)

NYP-094 Kring Point State Park
Redwood C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-095 Lake Erie State Park
Brocton C (Allegany)

NYP-096 Lake Sebago Beach - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-097 Lake Superior State Park
Monticello (Palisades)

NYP-098 Lake Taghkanic State Park
Ancram C (Taconic)

NYP-099 Lake Tiorati Beach - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-100 Lake Welch Beach - Harriman State Park
Stony Point (Palisades)

NYP-101 Lakeside Beach State Park
Waterport C (Genesee)

NYP-102 Letchworth State Park
Castile C (Genesee)

NYP-103 Lodi Point State Park
Romulus (Finger Lakes)

NYP-104 Long Point State Park - Finger Lakes
Aurora (Finger Lakes)

NYP-105 Long Point State Park - Thousand Islands
Three Mile Bay C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-106 Long Point State Park on Lake Chautauqua
Bemus Point (Allegany)

NYP-107 Macomb Reservation State Park
Schuyler Falls C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-108 Margaret Lewis Norrie State Park
Staatsburg C (Taconic)

NYP-109 Mark Twain State Park and Soaring Eagles Golf Course
Horseheads (Finger Lakes)

NYP-110 Mary Island State Park
Clayton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-111 Max V. Shaul State Park
Fultonham C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-112 Mexico Point Boat Launch at Selkirk Shores State Park
Pulaski Central

NYP-113 Midway State Park
Bemus Point (Allegany)

NYP-114 Mine Kill State Park
North Blenheim (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-115 Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Kerhonkson (Palisades)

NYP-116 Montauk Downs State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-117 Montauk Point State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-118 Moreau Lake State Park
Gansevoort C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-119 Newtown Battlefield State Park
Elmira C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-120 Niagara Falls State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-121 Nissequogue River State Park
Kings Park (Long Island)

NYP-122 Nyack Beach State Park
Upper Nyack (Palisades)

NYP-123 Oak Orchard State Marine Park
Waterport (Genesee)

NYP-124 Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills State Park
Staatsburg (Taconic)

NYP-125 Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park
Dobbs Ferry (Taconic)

NYP-126 Old Erie Canal State Historic Park
RD #2, Andrus Road (Central)

NYP-127 Oquaga Creek State Park
Bainbridge C (Central)

NYP-128 Orient Beach State Park
Orient (Long Island)

NYP-129 Peebles Island State Park
Waterford (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-130 Pine Grove Boat Launch at Selkirk Shores State Park
Pulaski Central

NYP-131 Pinnacle State Park and Golf Course
Addison (Finger Lakes)

NYP-132 Pixley Falls State Park
Boonville (Central)

NYP-133 Point Au Roche State Park
Plattsburg (Thousand Islands)

NYP-134 Reservoir State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-135 Riverbank State Park
New York (New York City)

NYP-136 Robert G. Wehle State Park
Henderson C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-137 Robert H. Treman State Park
Ithaca C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-138 Robert Moses State Park - (Long Island)
Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-139 Robert Moses State Park - Thousand Islands
Massena C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-140 Robert V. Riddell State Park
Laurens (Central)

NYP-141 Roberto Clemente State Park
Bronx (New York City)

NYP-142 Rockefeller State Park Preserve
Pleasantville (Taconic)

NYP-143 Rockland Lake State Park
Congers (Palisades)

NYP-144 Sampson State Park
Romulus C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-145 Sandy Island Beach State Park
Pulaski (Central)

NYP-146 Saratoga Lake State Boat Launch
Saratoga Springs (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-147 Saratoga Spa State Park
Saratoga Springs (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-148 Schodack Island State Park
Schodack Landing (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-149 Sebago Cabin Camp - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-150 Selkirk Shores State Park
Pulaski C (Central)

NYP-151 Seneca Lake State Park
Geneva (Finger Lakes)

NYP-152 Shadmoor State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-153 Silver Lake State Park
Castile (Genesee)

NYP-154 Silver Mine - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-155 Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park
Canandaigua (Finger Lakes)

NYP-156 Southwick Beach State Park
Henderson C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-157 St. Lawrence State Park Golf Course
Ogdensburg (Thousand Islands)

NYP-158 State Park at the Fair
Syracuse (Central)

NYP-159 Sterling Forest State Park
Tuxedo (Palisades)

NYP-160 Stony Brook State Park
Dansville C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-161 Storm King State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-162 Taconic State Park - Copake Falls Area
Copake Falls C (Taconic)

NYP-163 Taconic State Park - Rudd Pond Area
Millerton C (Taconic)

NYP-164 Tallman Mountain State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-165 Taughannock Falls State Park
Trumansburg C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-166 Thacher State Park (John Boyd Thacher)
Voorheesville (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-167 Thompson's Lake State Park
East Berne C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-168 Trail View State Park
Huntington (Long Island)

NYP-169 Two Rivers State Park Recreation Area
Ihaca (Finger Lakes)

NYP-170 Valley Stream State Park
Valley Stream (Long Island)

NYP-171 Verona Beach State Park
Verona Beach C (Central)

NYP-172 Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park
Highland (Taconic)

NYP-173 Waterson Point State Park
Fineview (Thousand Islands)

NYP-174 Watkins Glen State Park
Watkins Glen C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-175 Wellesley Island State Park
Fineview C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-176 Westcott Beach State Park
Henderson C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-177 Whetstone Gulf State Park
Lowville C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-178 Whirlpool State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-179 Wildwood State Park
Wading River C (Long Island)

NYP-180 Wilson-Tuscarora State Park
Wilson (Niagara)

NYP-181 Woodlawn Beach State Park
Blasdell (Niagara)

New York State Historic Sites
http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/historic-site-results.aspx?n=&src=1

NYH-01 Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site
Grafton (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-02 Caumsett State Historic Park
Lloyd Neck (Long Island)

NYH-03 Clermont State Historic Site
Germantown (Taconic)

NYH-04 Clinton House State Historic Site
Poughkeepsie (Taconic)

NYH-05 Crailo State Historic Site
Rensselaer (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-06 Crown Point State Historic Site
Crown Point (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-07 Darwin Martin House State Historic Site
Buffalo (Niagara)

NYH-08 Fort Montgomery State Historic Site
Fort Montgomery (Palisades)

NYH-09 Fort Ontario State Historic Site
Oswego (Central)

NYH-10 Ganondagan State Historic Site
Victor (Finger Lakes)

NYH-11 Grant Cottage State Historic Site
Wilton (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-12 Herkimer Home State Historic Site
Little Falls (Central)

NYH-13 Hyde Hall State Historic Site
Cooperstown (Central)

NYH-14 John Brown Farm State Historic Site
Lake Placid (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-15 John Burroughs Memorial State Historic Site
North Blenheim (Central)

NYH-16 John Jay Homestead State Historic Site
Katonah (Taconic)

NYH-17 Johnson Hall State Historic Site
Johnstown (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-18 Knox's Headquarters State Historic Site
Vails Gate (Palisades)

NYH-19 Lorenzo State Historic Site
Cazenovia (Central)

NYH-20 National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
New Windsor (Palisades)

NYH-21 New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site
Vails Gate (Palisades)

NYH-22 Olana State Historic Site
Hudson (Taconic)

NYH-23 Old Erie Canal State Historic Park
Kirkville (Central)

NYH-24 Old Fort (Niagara) State Historic Site
Youngstown (Niagara)

NYH-25 Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site
Oriskany (Central)

NYH-26 Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site
Yonkers (Taconic)

NYH-27 Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park
Oyster Bay (Long Island)

NYH-28 Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site
Sackets Harbor (Thousand Islands)

NYH-29 Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site
Fort Hunter (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-30 Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site
Albany (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-31 Senate House State Historic Site
Kingston (Palisades)

NYH-32 Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park
Canandaigua (Finger Lakes)

NYH-33 Staatsburgh State Historic Site
Staatsburg (Taconic)

NYH-34 Steuben Memorial State Historic Site
Oriskany (Central)

NYH-35 Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site
Stony Point (Palisades)

NYH-36 Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site
Huntington Station (Long Island)

NYH-37 Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site
Newburgh (Palisades)

256. Connecticut state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 11:37:16 UTC
From: Edwin Rhodes
Topic: 256 Message: 256

To the Group,

Have the Connecticut State parks been numbered as of yet, if not I would be happy to do so. Can someone let me know.

73's
Ed
WA1LEI

257. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 11:52:27 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 256 Message: 257

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If, OTOH, you're offering up your services to oversee the numbering as each CT park is activated, I suspect the gang at the top of the food chain would be delighted to have you! Fred, VE3FAL, and I have spreadsheets posted in the files sections recording activations. Feel free to crib those for your state's use!

With best regards,

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258. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 11:58:18 UTC
From: Edwin Rhodes
Topic: 256 Message: 258

Pete,

Sounds like a plan, I will oversee the numbering of the Ct state parks. Thanks for the input.

ed
WA1LEI

From: Pete Spotts <w1pns@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, October 4, 2010 7:52:27 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut state parks

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259. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 19:26:49 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 256 Message: 259

Pete:
Should we list somehwere the contacts that helped to activate the Park?
I know I did that a, and I see in your blog you have some information as well, kind of a check in balance or a check log to say..

Fred
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SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
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----- Original Message -----
From: Pete Spotts
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 7:52 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut state parks

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260. Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 19:31:52 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 260 Message: 260

Hey All!

VA3ISP here. Name is Jeff aka POTA (not to be confused with PITA) webmaster.

I've volunteered to help get the new site up and running.

One of my goals is to have an interactive way of either manually entering your log data or uploading your txt file.

If you have any ideas please forward them to me and ill gladly do my best to accomodate.

I should have something up to the general public as soon as possible. (Week or so from now)

Cheers and hope to see more activations as the weeks go on.

261. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 19:56:21 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 256 Message: 261

On Mon, 2010-10-04 at 15:26 -0400, VE3FAL wrote:
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> Park?
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Hi Fred,

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With best regards,

Pete

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262. Online reference to qualifying contacts? (was Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut state parks)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 19:57:34 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 256 Message: 262

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263. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 20:49:32 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 260 Message: 263

maybe somehow being able to accept an adif file would be good, that
way we can just export it from the logging program or w/e

charlie
ai4ri

264. QSL Cards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 21:04:28 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 264 Message: 264

Shamless plug here.

I run a printing company here in Canada and one of the things I am thinking of getting into is QSL cards.

Would there be an interest in having a generic POTA card that could be sent out to the various stations?

Or is anyone interested in getting some new cards at a discounted price?

265. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 21:25:22 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 260 Message: 265

That would be good, I use old fashioned paper loggings to this day, not up to speed with computer logging but did purchase the entire logging program and stuff from N#JFP I think it was..

Fred
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----- Original Message -----
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 4:49 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

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266. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 21:56:41 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 260 Message: 266

On Mon, 2010-10-04 at 17:25 -0400, VE3FAL wrote:
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267. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 21:59:00 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 260 Message: 267

Can someone send me the ADI format? An existing log would do too.

Thz

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Mon Oct 04 17:56:41 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

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268. Re: [p_o_t_a_] QSL Cards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 23:06:31 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 264 Message: 268

ya I would love that, saves on my ink heh.... but of course depends on the cost :)

charlie
ai4ri

269. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 23:07:49 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 260 Message: 269

i use both.. if i happen to have my laptop on me, ill store them on that,
save them locally
then save an ADIF and put that into my main log here. BUT i can also load my
main log up over the intarwebs and do it directly if I so desire,
but i use paper to jot things down then put them in to the computer

charlie

----- Original Message -----
From: "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 17:25
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

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No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 9.0.856 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/3176 - Release Date: 10/04/10
02:35:00

270. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 23:08:51 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 260 Message: 270

i havent tried that one, but I do like using the remote log feature of ham radio deluxe. i use it as a mysql table on my webserver which also allows me to pull the log directly onto my website.

charlie
ai4ri

271. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-04 23:36:43 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 260 Message: 271

I am at work now Jeff, so not able to send one...
I need the practice though.

Fred
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On Mon, 4 Oct 2010 17:59:00 -0400
"Jeff Dale" <jdale@...> wrote:
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Thz

From: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...>
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272. Re: [p_o_t_a_] QSL Cards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 00:06:42 UTC
From: Graham
Topic: 264 Message: 272

Good evening Jeff,

Tell me more. (direct or via the list if the moderators feel there is enough interest)

cheers, Graham ve3gtc planophore@...

On 10/4/2010 17:04, Jeff Dale wrote:
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273. Re: [p_o_t_a_] QSL Cards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 00:56:13 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 264 Message: 273

The list is fine, I know the moderator....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
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SATERN Member
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On Mon, 04 Oct 2010 20:06:42 -0400
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274. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 12:49:42 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 274

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

275. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 13:02:59 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 260 Message: 275

On 10/4/2010 17:59, Jeff Dale wrote:
> Can someone send me the ADI format? An existing log would do too.

replied offlist

charlie

276. Pigeon river pix

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 13:49:27 UTC
From: Reddog
Topic: 276 Message: 276

Hey Fred,
Great pictures of your Pigeon River Provincial Park POTA activation!
BRAVO ZULU!!!

Cheers!
Doug...
VE3GHQ/VA30005SWL

277. Re: Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 14:03:19 UTC
From: c6alk
Topic: 260 Message: 277

There is a site that reveals all about the ADIF file format structure. Please keep in mind that the current version is version 3.

http://www.hosenose.com/adif/adif.html

Also you might try Google and serach for ADIF version 3.

Brian K7RE

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Jeff Dale" <jdale@...> wrote:
>
> Can someone send me the ADI format? An existing log would do too.
>
> Thz
>
> _____
>
> From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@...>
> To: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
> Sent: Mon Oct 04 17:56:41 2010
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries
>
>
>
>
> On Mon, 2010-10-04 at 17:25 -0400, VE3FAL wrote:
> >
> > That would be good, I use old fashioned paper loggings to this day,
> > not up to speed with computer logging but did purchase the entire
> > logging program and stuff from N#JFP I think it was..
> >
>
> I'm hip...I use paper in the field, then copy over to Xlog (I'm a Linux
> kind of guy) when I get back. That allows exporting to *.adi files and
> uploading to LOTW, eQSL, and others requiring *.adi files.
>
> I'm no programmer, but I wonder if it's possible to have an *.adi-upload
> option as well as a manual-entry option on the site. That way, folks who
> prefer paper logs have a way to enter their contacts without having to
> spring for logging software (although good open-source logging programs
> are out there; Jlog, for instance).
>
> With best regards,
>
> Pete
>

> --
> Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
> http://w1pns.net
> Email: w1pns@... <mailto:w1pns%40arrl.net> | Skype: pspotts
> QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
> NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | G-QRP #13202
>

278. Re: Poll results for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 15:13:24 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 236 Message: 278

--- p_o_t_a_@... wrote:
>
The following p_o_t_a_ poll is now closed. Here are the
> final results:
>
> POLL QUESTION: Do you feel the Parks should have a numbering system attached to them ?
>
> CHOICES AND RESULTS
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>

OK the consensus is that parks should be numbered.

Now the question is how to number. I have seen some suggestions posted but it does not look like a method or system has been agreed upon.

I don't think the idea of having people who activate assign number is practical. What if 2 or more activate at the same time? Then each person could be using the same number for a different park. Also, how is the number going to be made "official", and who is going to keep the records? Seems the park activator would have to contact a POTA "administrator" in a timely manner and he/she would have to add the park number to a list. I think this would be a lot more work than just doing it one time in bulk.

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one entrance, etc. However if someone wants to physically measure coordinates or look up on a map and add to the database I guess that is OK.

279. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Poll results for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 16:49:06 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 236 Message: 279

That is why we have one person tracking the Parks as they are activated with the activations being sent to that person (per State/Prov.). The numbering scheme has pretty much been agreed upon as this...CA(Country) ON (Province) 001 (Activation #) looks like this CAON001, or US (Country) MS (State) 001 (Acivation #) for USMS001, this is for State and Provincial Parks, National Forests and national Parks will be numbered differently. Makes no matter if 2 parks are actiavted same day same time, it is only a number system not a race to number them, no prize to who activates first.
It is a matter of the actiavtor to forward the information so it can be posted in the activation log with qualifying contacts.
Hope this helps..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 11:13 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Poll results for p_o_t_a_

--- p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca wrote:
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280. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-05 17:10:28 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 280

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /POTA-CT.xls
Uploaded by : wu1bmobile <barcthom@...>
Description : Connecticut State Parks list

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http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA-CT.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

wu1bmobile <barcthom@...>

281. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Poll Results

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 00:37:35 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 244 Message: 281

I agree with all the conclusions below. Fred, thanks for taking the lead on this and for compiling the info.
 73, Brian WB9QVR

From: fred <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Sat, October 2, 2010 11:08:58 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Poll Results

Gang:
Poll results are closed for a few of the polls that I put together to try and some feelings from folks as to what direction we should take with some of the structure for our group. Brian was the body behind this group so will make sure he gets some input and suggestions in here as well.
Poll#1:
Do you feel the Parks should have a numbering system attached to them ?

Responses
Choices Votes
Yes 30 83
No 6 16
So looks like a numbering system is agreed to and I think we have this one just about ironed out to the point where we can say it is permanent press material.

Poll#2:
What bands do you think should be used for activations?

Responses
Choices Votes
HF only 3 9
HF and VHF/UHF Simplex 27 84
HF and VHF/UHF Repaters 2 6
Looks like HF and VHF/UHF Simplex take the lead here, now this meaning HF as in 160-6 meters including WARC bands, and VHF/UHF simplex frequencies but Satellite should also be included in this one, the simplex when I started the poll was to rule out repeaters and IRLP etc...

Poll#3:
How many contacts do you think should be required to class a Park as active?

Responses
Choices Votes
1 9 27
5 19 57
10 3 9
25 2 6

Well this one had lots of votes and it looks like 5 QSO's are required to class a Park as activated in order to give it a number. With that being said, we need to agree that the 5 QSO's need not take place at any one time, but that all 5 QSO's do need to be made from within the same Park. This could be due to lack of participation, band conditions or weather conditions that cut the activation short.

I am looking for any other comments or suggestions just as I am sure that Brian is as well.

Fred
VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

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282. CT list filename change

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 01:51:11 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 282 Message: 282

Just a note to say that I changed the filename on the Connecticut parks list to better fit the format in use.
That is all, rack time now
Barclay/wu1b

283. Re: [p_o_t_a_] QSL Cards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 02:10:24 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 264 Message: 283

Jeff, I for one would be most interested in some POTA QSL cards. To that end I am working in conjunction with my niece to develop a simple logo for POTA that could be used.
 73, Brian WB9QVR

From: Jeff Dale <jdale@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Mon, October 4, 2010 4:04:28 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] QSL Cards

Shamless plug here.

I run a printing company here in Canada and one of the things I am thinking of getting into is QSL cards.

Would there be an interest in having a generic POTA card that could be sent out to the various stations?

Or is anyone interested in getting some new cards at a discounted price?

284. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 02:14:52 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 260 Message: 284

Jeff, I would like to pass along a massive amount of thanks for taking on this job!

I agree having an interactive way to update the list of parks, upcoming activations and logs would be fantastic. Although I am an network engineer by trade I'm not much of a software developer so I don't have any preconceived ideas about the technical aspects that might be required. I think there might have to be a balance between security and having it be wide-open but I'm sure you have some ideas as to how it might be accomplished.
 73, Brian WB9QVR

_____
From: Jeff Dale <jdale@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, October 4, 2010 2:31:52 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Log entries

Hey All!

VA3ISP here. Name is Jeff aka POTA (not to be confused with PITA) webmaster.

I've volunteered to help get the new site up and running.

One of my goals is to have an interactive way of either manually entering your log data or uploading your txt file.

If you have any ideas please forward them to me and ill gladly do my best to accomodate.

I should have something up to the general public as soon as possible. (Week or so from now)

Cheers and hope to see more activations as the weeks go on.

285. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New York State Parks and Historic SItes / Numbering

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 02:37:20 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 255 Message: 285

Pete, thanks much for compiling the list of NY state parks. For the time being we're trying to stay with officially-recognized national and state/provincial parks (those that are listed in some kind of authoritative database as being a 'park'). We may expand the scope of POTA later to include other entities. We also need to define what constitutes a 'park' so that we can consider adding other locations down the road.

I think we've settled on a numbering convention as follows:

National parks:
[Two-letter ISO country abbreviation][Three-digit sequential number] e.g. US001

State or provincial parks:
[Two-letter ISO country abbreviation][Two-letter state or province designator][Three-digit sequential number] e.g. USNY001

The idea was to include the country to alleviate confusion. One good example that was brought up early on was CA001 - is that a California state park or a Canadian national park? Under the numbering system we've adopted it would clearly be a Canadian national park as a California state park would be USCA001. We also wanted to keep it as short as possible to keep from having people fall asleep when trying to copy the identifier :).
 73, Brian WB9QVR

From: kc2wi.afa2cq <kc2wi.afa2cq@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sun, October 3, 2010 5:08:19 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New York State Parks and Historic SItes / Numbering

I don't know if there is a final consensus about historic sites but I think they should be included. One reason I think this is important is that while admission is generally charged for parks, access to many historic sites is free. This is the case in in New York anyway, and probably many other places.

As far as numbering, my proposal is state/province abbreviation and a serial number. National parks would use the country abbreviation. add a P for Park, H for historic site.

So here is my numbered (in alphabetic order) lists for New York.

Data is from the NYS Parks web site. List is in the format
Park Number Park Name
Park Location C if camping available (NYS Region)

Park location is city or town only.

KC2WI

New York State Parks
http://nysparks.com/parks/park-results.aspx?n=&src=1&tab=2

NYP-001 Allan H. Treman State Marine Park
Ithaca (Finger Lakes)

NYP-002 Allegany State Park
Salamanca C (Allegany)

NYP-003 Allegany State Park - Quaker Area
Salamanca C (Allegany)

NYP-004 Allegany State Park - Red House Area
Salamanca C (Allegany)

NYP-005 Anthony Wayne Recreation Area - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-006 Battle Island State Park
Fulton (Central)

NYP-007 Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park
Oakdale (Long Island)

NYP-008 Bayswater Point State Park
Staten Island (New York City)

NYP-009 Bear Mountain State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-010 Beaver Island State Park
Grand Island (Niagara)

NYP-011 Beaver Pond Campgrounds - Harriman State Park
Pomona C (Palisades)

NYP-012 Belmont Lake State Park
North Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-013 Bethpage State Park
Farmingdale (Long Island)

NYP-014 Betty and Wilbur Davis State Park
Cooperstown C (Central)

NYP-015 Big Six Mile Creek Marina
Grand Island (Niagara)

NYP-016 Blauvelt State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-017 Bonavista State Park Golf Course
Ovid (Finger Lakes)

NYP-018 Bowman Lake State Park
Oxford C (Central)

NYP-019 Brookhaven State Park
Wading River (Long Island)

NYP-020 Buckhorn Island State Park
Grand Island (Niagara)

NYP-021 Burnham Point State Park
Cape Vincent C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-022 Buttermilk Falls State Park
Ithaca C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-023 Caleb Smith State Park Preserve
Smithtown (Long Island)

NYP-024 Camp Hero State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-025 Canandaigua Lake State Marine Park
Canadaigua (Finger Lakes)

NYP-026 Canoe-Picnic Point State Park
Clayton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-027 Captree State Park
Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-028 Catharine Valley Trail
Watkins Glen (Finger Lakes)

NYP-029 Caumsett State Historic Park
Huntington (Long Island)

NYP-030 Cayuga Lake State Park
Seneca Falls C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-031 Cedar Island State Park
Hammond C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-032 Cedar Point State Park
Clayton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-033 Chenango Valley State Park
Chenango Forks C (Central)

NYP-034 Cherry Plain State Park
Cherry Plain C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-035 Chimney Bluffs State Park
Wolcott (Finger Lakes)

NYP-036 Chittenango Falls State Park
Cazenovia (Central)

NYP-037 Clarence Fahnestock State Park
Carmel C (Taconic)

NYP-038 Clark Reservation State Park
Jamesville (Central)

NYP-039 Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve
Staten Island (New York City)

NYP-040 Cold Spring Harbor State Park
Huntington (Long Island)

NYP-041 Coles Creek State Park
Waddington C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-042 Conesus Lake Boat Launch
Castile (Genesee)

NYP-043 Connetquot River State Park Preserve
Oakdale (Long Island)

NYP-044 Cumberland Bay State Park
Plattsburg C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-045 Darien Lakes State Park
Darien Center C (Genesee)

NYP-046 De Veaux Woods State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-047 Deans Cove Boat Launch
Seneca Falls (Finger Lakes)

NYP-048 Delta Lake State Park
Rome C (Central)

NYP-049 Devil's Hole State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-050 Dewolf Point State Park
Fineview C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-051 Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park
Lewiston (Niagara)

NYP-052 East River State Park
Brooklyn (New York City)

NYP-053 Eel Weir State Park
Ogdensburg C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-054 Empire-Fulton Ferry State Park
Brooklyn (New York City)

NYP-055 Evangola State Park
Irving C (Niagara)

NYP-056 Fahnestock Winter Park
Cold Spring (Taconic)

NYP-057 Fair Haven Beach State Park
Fair Haven C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-058 Fillmore Glen State Park
Moravia C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-059 Fort Niagara State Park
Youngstown (Niagara)

NYP-060 Four Mile Creek State Park
Youngstown C (Niagara)

NYP-061 Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park
Yorktown Heights (Taconic)

NYP-062 Gantry Plaza State Park
(Long Island) City (New York City)

NYP-063 Gilbert Lake State Park
Laurens C (Central)

NYP-064 Gilgo State Park
Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-065 Glimmerglass State Park
Cooperstown C (Central)

NYP-066 Golden Hill State Park
Barker C (Niagara)

NYP-067 Goosepond Mountain State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-068 Governor Alfred E. Smith/Sunken Meadow State Park
Kings Park (Long Island)

NYP-069 Grafton Lakes State Park
Grafton (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-070 Grass Point State Park
Alexandria Bay C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-071 Green Lakes State Park
Fayetteville C (Central)

NYP-072 Hamlin Beach State Park
Hamlin C (Genesee)

NYP-073 Harriet Hollister Spencer State Recreation Area
Dansville (Finger Lakes)

NYP-074 Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-075 Heckscher State Park
East Islip C (Long Island)

NYP-076 Hempstead Lake State Park
West Hempstead (Long Island)

NYP-077 High Tor State Park
New City (Palisades)

NYP-078 Highland Lakes State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-079 Higley Flow State Park
Colton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-080 Hither Hills State Park
Montauk C (Long Island)

NYP-081 Honeoye Lake Boat Launch State Park
Honeoye (Finger Lakes)

NYP-082 Hudson Highlands State Park
Beacon (Taconic)

NYP-083 Hudson River Islands State Park
Schodack Landing (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-084 Hunt's Pond State Park
Laurens (Central)

NYP-085 Irondequoit Bay State Marine Park
Hamlin (Genesee)

NYP-086 Jacques Cartier State Park
Morristown C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-087 James Baird State Park
Pleasant Valley (Taconic)

NYP-088 Jamesport State Park
Wading River (Long Island)

NYP-089 Jones Beach State Park
Wantagh (Long Island)

NYP-090 Joseph Davis State Park
Lewiston (Niagara)

NYP-091 Keewaydin State Park
Alexandria Bay C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-092 Keuka Lake State Park
Bluff Point C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-093 Knox Farm State Park
East Aurora (Niagara)

NYP-094 Kring Point State Park
Redwood C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-095 Lake Erie State Park
Brocton C (Allegany)

NYP-096 Lake Sebago Beach - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-097 Lake Superior State Park
Monticello (Palisades)

NYP-098 Lake Taghkanic State Park
Ancram C (Taconic)

NYP-099 Lake Tiorati Beach - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-100 Lake Welch Beach - Harriman State Park
Stony Point (Palisades)

NYP-101 Lakeside Beach State Park
Waterport C (Genesee)

NYP-102 Letchworth State Park
Castile C (Genesee)

NYP-103 Lodi Point State Park
Romulus (Finger Lakes)

NYP-104 Long Point State Park - Finger Lakes
Aurora (Finger Lakes)

NYP-105 Long Point State Park - Thousand Islands
Three Mile Bay C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-106 Long Point State Park on Lake Chautauqua
Bemus Point (Allegany)

NYP-107 Macomb Reservation State Park
Schuyler Falls C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-108 Margaret Lewis Norrie State Park
Staatsburg C (Taconic)

NYP-109 Mark Twain State Park and Soaring Eagles Golf Course
Horseheads (Finger Lakes)

NYP-110 Mary Island State Park
Clayton C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-111 Max V. Shaul State Park
Fultonham C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-112 Mexico Point Boat Launch at Selkirk Shores State Park
Pulaski Central

NYP-113 Midway State Park
Bemus Point (Allegany)

NYP-114 Mine Kill State Park
North Blenheim (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-115 Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Kerhonkson (Palisades)

NYP-116 Montauk Downs State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-117 Montauk Point State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-118 Moreau Lake State Park
Gansevoort C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-119 Newtown Battlefield State Park
Elmira C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-120 Niagara Falls State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-121 Nissequogue River State Park
Kings Park (Long Island)

NYP-122 Nyack Beach State Park
Upper Nyack (Palisades)

NYP-123 Oak Orchard State Marine Park
Waterport (Genesee)

NYP-124 Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills State Park
Staatsburg (Taconic)

NYP-125 Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park
Dobbs Ferry (Taconic)

NYP-126 Old Erie Canal State Historic Park
RD #2, Andrus Road (Central)

NYP-127 Oquaga Creek State Park
Bainbridge C (Central)

NYP-128 Orient Beach State Park
Orient (Long Island)

NYP-129 Peebles Island State Park
Waterford (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-130 Pine Grove Boat Launch at Selkirk Shores State Park
Pulaski Central

NYP-131 Pinnacle State Park and Golf Course
Addison (Finger Lakes)

NYP-132 Pixley Falls State Park
Boonville (Central)

NYP-133 Point Au Roche State Park
Plattsburg (Thousand Islands)

NYP-134 Reservoir State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-135 Riverbank State Park
New York (New York City)

NYP-136 Robert G. Wehle State Park
Henderson C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-137 Robert H. Treman State Park
Ithaca C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-138 Robert Moses State Park - (Long Island)
Babylon (Long Island)

NYP-139 Robert Moses State Park - Thousand Islands
Massena C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-140 Robert V. Riddell State Park
Laurens (Central)

NYP-141 Roberto Clemente State Park
Bronx (New York City)

NYP-142 Rockefeller State Park Preserve
Pleasantville (Taconic)

NYP-143 Rockland Lake State Park
Congers (Palisades)

NYP-144 Sampson State Park
Romulus C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-145 Sandy Island Beach State Park
Pulaski (Central)

NYP-146 Saratoga Lake State Boat Launch
Saratoga Springs (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-147 Saratoga Spa State Park
Saratoga Springs (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-148 Schodack Island State Park
Schodack Landing (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-149 Sebago Cabin Camp - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-150 Selkirk Shores State Park
Pulaski C (Central)

NYP-151 Seneca Lake State Park
Geneva (Finger Lakes)

NYP-152 Shadmoor State Park
Montauk (Long Island)

NYP-153 Silver Lake State Park
Castile (Genesee)

NYP-154 Silver Mine - Harriman State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-155 Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park
Canandaigua (Finger Lakes)

NYP-156 Southwick Beach State Park
Henderson C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-157 St. Lawrence State Park Golf Course
Ogdensburg (Thousand Islands)

NYP-158 State Park at the Fair
Syracuse (Central)

NYP-159 Sterling Forest State Park
Tuxedo (Palisades)

NYP-160 Stony Brook State Park
Dansville C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-161 Storm King State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-162 Taconic State Park - Copake Falls Area
Copake Falls C (Taconic)

NYP-163 Taconic State Park - Rudd Pond Area
Millerton C (Taconic)

NYP-164 Tallman Mountain State Park
Bear Mountain (Palisades)

NYP-165 Taughannock Falls State Park
Trumansburg C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-166 Thacher State Park (John Boyd Thacher)
Voorheesville (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-167 Thompson's Lake State Park
East Berne C (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYP-168 Trail View State Park
Huntington (Long Island)

NYP-169 Two Rivers State Park Recreation Area
Ihaca (Finger Lakes)

NYP-170 Valley Stream State Park
Valley Stream (Long Island)

NYP-171 Verona Beach State Park
Verona Beach C (Central)

NYP-172 Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park
Highland (Taconic)

NYP-173 Waterson Point State Park
Fineview (Thousand Islands)

NYP-174 Watkins Glen State Park
Watkins Glen C (Finger Lakes)

NYP-175 Wellesley Island State Park
Fineview C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-176 Westcott Beach State Park
Henderson C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-177 Whetstone Gulf State Park
Lowville C (Thousand Islands)

NYP-178 Whirlpool State Park
Niagara Falls (Niagara)

NYP-179 Wildwood State Park
Wading River C (Long Island)

NYP-180 Wilson-Tuscarora State Park
Wilson (Niagara)

NYP-181 Woodlawn Beach State Park
Blasdell (Niagara)

New York State Historic Sites
http://nysparks.com/historic-sites/historic-site-results.aspx?n=&src=1

NYH-01 Bennington Battlefield State Historic Site
Grafton (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-02 Caumsett State Historic Park
Lloyd Neck (Long Island)

NYH-03 Clermont State Historic Site
Germantown (Taconic)

NYH-04 Clinton House State Historic Site
Poughkeepsie (Taconic)

NYH-05 Crailo State Historic Site
Rensselaer (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-06 Crown Point State Historic Site
Crown Point (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-07 Darwin Martin House State Historic Site
Buffalo (Niagara)

NYH-08 Fort Montgomery State Historic Site
Fort Montgomery (Palisades)

NYH-09 Fort Ontario State Historic Site
Oswego (Central)

NYH-10 Ganondagan State Historic Site
Victor (Finger Lakes)

NYH-11 Grant Cottage State Historic Site
Wilton (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-12 Herkimer Home State Historic Site
Little Falls (Central)

NYH-13 Hyde Hall State Historic Site
Cooperstown (Central)

NYH-14 John Brown Farm State Historic Site
Lake Placid (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-15 John Burroughs Memorial State Historic Site
North Blenheim (Central)

NYH-16 John Jay Homestead State Historic Site
Katonah (Taconic)

NYH-17 Johnson Hall State Historic Site
Johnstown (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-18 Knox's Headquarters State Historic Site
Vails Gate (Palisades)

NYH-19 Lorenzo State Historic Site
Cazenovia (Central)

NYH-20 National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
New Windsor (Palisades)

NYH-21 New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site
Vails Gate (Palisades)

NYH-22 Olana State Historic Site
Hudson (Taconic)

NYH-23 Old Erie Canal State Historic Park
Kirkville (Central)

NYH-24 Old Fort (Niagara) State Historic Site
Youngstown (Niagara)

NYH-25 Oriskany Battlefield State Historic Site
Oriskany (Central)

NYH-26 Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site
Yonkers (Taconic)

NYH-27 Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park
Oyster Bay (Long Island)

NYH-28 Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site
Sackets Harbor (Thousand Islands)

NYH-29 Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site
Fort Hunter (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-30 Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site
Albany (Saratoga/Capital District)

NYH-31 Senate House State Historic Site
Kingston (Palisades)

NYH-32 Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park
Canandaigua (Finger Lakes)

NYH-33 Staatsburgh State Historic Site
Staatsburg (Taconic)

NYH-34 Steuben Memorial State Historic Site
Oriskany (Central)

NYH-35 Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site
Stony Point (Palisades)

NYH-36 Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site
Huntington Station (Long Island)

NYH-37 Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site
Newburgh (Palisades)

286. vertical antennas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 04:11:31 UTC
From: john kitchens
Topic: 286 Message: 286

I have found that with the "new" wireless devices, remotes, wireless everything, along with the old noise producing stuff, vertical antennas, that tend to pickup this noise, are extremely noisy antennas. Great out in the field, but around people and what people bring, they are just plain noisy. Went from a vertical to a horizontal (moxon ?? beam), and noise almost completely went away.

I should be out in some local state and national/federal parks in the west soon, maybe two weeks. I'll let y'all know when and where.

--

John Kitchens, NS6X
POB 178
Somis, CA 93066
ns6x@...

287. Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 19:11:17 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 287

Hi all,
Here's a nice list of State Parks in Michigan:
http://www.stateparks.com/mi.html <http://www.stateparks.com/mi.html>
It's not my site but just one that I use.

I'll be camping at Cheybogan State park this weekend with a few other ham buddies. Listen for us on 20m and 40m (Maybe even 80m if we can get an antenna stung up). I'm also taking my NuePSK modem with me so don't forget to look for me in the PSK freqs too.

All the best,
Jay aka KD8EUR

288. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 19:23:43 UTC
From: Dennis Martin
Topic: 287 Message: 288

What frequencies are you going to use and will you be on CW.
Dennis

From: dighsx <dighsx@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Wed, October 6, 2010 2:11:17 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Hi all,
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All the best,
Jay aka KD8EUR

289. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 19:56:35 UTC
From: Nelson Dewey
Topic: 287 Message: 289

Hi, Jay:
Any more specific times and frequencies to listen for you?

Cheers,
Nelson
VE7FTL

<dighsx@...> wrote:

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> ham buddies. Listen for us on 20m and 40m (Maybe even 80m if we can get
> an antenna stung up). I'm also taking my NuePSK modem with me so don't
> forget to look for me in the PSK freqs too.
>
> All the best,
> Jay aka KD8EUR
>

290. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 20:22:35 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 290

I would guess we'd be on mostly Saturday but I might get on the air Friday afternoon. All depends on how fast I get my station setup and how fast the cooler gets opened. hehe

As for freqs I'll try to be on or around: 14260, 7260, and if we do 80m maybe 3920ish. And for psk I'll be on the normal 20 and 40m psk freqs (14070 and 7039 if memory serves)

I'll also be activating some light houses at the same time so if you're into that as well you can really kill two birds with one stone.

No CW this trip. I'm a pretty poor cw op. I really should start practicing as it's a great mode and can really get out there. What's even sadder is I own a KX1 thats never been on the air due to my lack of cw skills. I bought it as a motivation to get better at cw. I should make it my mission this winter to get my act together in that department.

Hope to talk to ya on the air,
Jay aka KD8EUR

291. Missouri Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 20:39:45 UTC
From: derf253
Topic: 291 Message: 291

What is the procedures for getting the Parks in Missouri
listed ...

73/fred/ka4rur

292. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Missouri Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 21:23:44 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 291 Message: 292

On Wed, 2010-10-06 at 20:39 +0000, derf253 wrote:
>
> What is the procedures for getting the Parks in Missouri
> listed ...
>
> 73/fred/ka4rur

Hi Fred,

To activate a park, pick a state park (for simplicity's sake, pick one with "state park" as part of the name), operate from that park making a minimum of five contacts on HF (any mode) or VHF/UHF simplex (any mode), and post your results. That park will be assigned a number, say USMO001.

VE3FAL (another Fred), I, and others have uploaded "activation" spreadsheets for our states/provinces to the P_O_T_A Yahoo Group files section. Feel free to crib one of them for Missouri. If it takes a couple of tries at the park to get the requisite number of contacts, no worries. You can do this over more than one visit.

Once you've listed the contacts and given the park its number on the spreadsheet, repost the spreadsheet so all can marvel. As things stand now, if you activate the first park, you also may be inadvertently volunteering to become the person who coordinates activation of the other state and national parks (if any) in Missouri. But at this stage, it's a fairly low maintenance activity! ;-)

If you're only vacationing the state, but want to activate a park, go ahead with the above steps, but don't worry about coordinating activations thereafter. The POTA crowd will figure the rest of that out at some point; organizationally, we're still a work in progress.

At some point, once parks start to populate the activation sheets, you'll be able to see which parks remain to be activated.

And once a park is activated, get back in there from time to time and put out a signal -- just be sure to let the rest of the world know that you're heading out to put parks on the air, then give the park number as part of your exchanges with hams you contact.

If I've bungled this explanation in any way, others will step in with corrections, I'm sure! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete

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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | G-QRP #13202

293. Missouri Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 21:48:17 UTC
From: derf253
Topic: 291 Message: 293

Tnx for the information .... What about the Historic Sites that has a park located wtih them ... Missouri has a lot of them ... I have 75 state parks located thru out Missouri ...

Tnx agn

73/fred/ka4rur

294. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Missouri Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 22:23:52 UTC
From: k0qh@skywayusa.net
Topic: 291 Message: 294

Well Fred, you beat me to it.
John,K0QH

Quoting derf253 <KA4RUR@...>:

> What is the procedures for getting the Parks in Missouri
> listed ...
>
>
>
> 73/fred/ka4rur

295. Another activation soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 23:32:29 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 295 Message: 295

This weekend is a wipe out for operating due to our Canadian Thanksgiving.
The weekend of the 15th I will be out at Grey Wolf Boy Scout Camp for JOTA...
The weekend of 23rd my YL and her sisters and mother will be in MN for a girls weekend getaway. I am hoping to either operate from Kakabeka Falls Prov. Park or from Sleeping Giant (Sibley) Prov. Park...
Will keep you all posted as we get closer...

Fred
VE3FAL

296. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Missouri Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 23:36:46 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 291 Message: 296

In gen'l, I think the intent was to focus on state/prov/natl parks. Including reserves, historical sites w/picnic benches, wildlife sanctuaries, etc., would get very unwieldy. But who knows? Once s/p/n parks have been exhausted, folks may throw a wider net. At least this is what I've gleaned fm the bk and 4th on the email list.

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

-----Original Message-----
From: "derf253" <KA4RUR@cs.com>
Sender: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Wed, 06 Oct 2010 21:48:17
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Reply-To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Missouri Parks

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a park located wtih them ... Missouri has a lot of them ... I have
75 state parks located thru out Missouri ...

Tnx agn

73/fred/ka4rur

297. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 23:58:24 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 287 Message: 297

OK Jay, Since I seem to have too much time on my hands this evening I've built you a spreadsheet of the Michigan State Parks. This should be enough of a list to keep you occupied this winter while you're out snowshoing :-0).
I deleted all the forests and most of the 'wildlife areas', but left the Nat'l Wildlife Refuges since they are (mostly) public access and welcome the PR we might get them.
BTW: starting Saturday and running for the next week through Sunday Oct. 17 is Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Week 2010. Info at:
<http://nwrweek-radio.info/>
File will be uploaded right after I send this,
73, and I'll be listening from a SP in CT Saturday if at all possible,
Barclay/wu1b

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "dighsx" <dighsx@...> wrote:
-snip-
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> Jay aka KD8EUR
-end snip-

298. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-06 23:59:46 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 298

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Michigan_State_Parks.xls
Uploaded by : wu1bmobile <barcthom@...>
Description : Michigan State Parks list

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Michigan_State_Parks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

wu1bmobile <barcthom@...>

299. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 01:57:09 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 299

Hey thanks Barclay. How do you get a POTA number for a park? Or is that in the works?

There are a bunch of state parks pretty close to my QTH. I could knock off 10 or 15 with out much effort or driving.

Hope to catch ya on the bands,
Jay aka KD8EUR

300. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 02:00:55 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 300

You have to activate the Park by making a minimum of 5 complete QSO's.
This will then give the Park a designator.
There will need to be someone who will take care of an activation for the
State, and on that activation log will be a spot to post the qso's that made
the activation possible....

Hope this helps

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Thu, 07 Oct 2010 01:57:09 -0000
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301. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 02:19:11 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 301

Ok just want to make sure I've got the process right.

- I activate a valid park and make 5 or more qso's
- I then submit those qso to the person handling the records for whatever state the activation was in
- They make sure everything is in order and then the activation is official. Also if the park doesn't have a unique id it will be given on at this time.

Do have the basic flow right?

And boy am I going to regret asking this but does Michigan have a person handling it's activations?

73
Jay aka KD8EUR

One other question, is it against the rules to post to the group that you're at a park, and on the air? Kind of self spotting. Not all the parks I could go to would have cell phone coverage but the one I'm heading to this weekend I know I can get on the web from.

302. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 02:30:49 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 287 Message: 302

We do now :)

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Wed Oct 06 22:19:11 2010
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

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303. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 02:34:32 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 303

Welcome Jay :), nothing wrong with posting a scheduled date and time when
you will be in the Park, last weekend I tried to spot to QRPSPOTS via APRS
as the area I was in had no cell coverage and I was limited to VHF as well,
I was trying to set up 30 meter APRS but did not quite make it before I had
to leave the Park.
We hope to have a spot on the webpage or maybe on the K3UK page, for now
QRPSPOTS works well.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
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304. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 02:52:12 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 304

Jeff I knew I should have kept my big mouth shut. hahaha well if the program is in need a Michigan guy I'll throw my hat in the ring.

And I'll have to give the QRPSPOTS a try this weekend. I'll bookmark it on my phone right now.

73
Jay aka KD8EUR

305. Portable in VA state park next week

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 17:43:50 UTC
From: Andy
Topic: 305 Message: 305

Hello all,

I will be operating portable as time permits from Pocahontas State Park SW of Richmond, VA next week. I should be on the air some mornings, afternoons and evenings from Monday, October 11 to Thursday, October 14. I can't say specific times but I will try to get in several hours operating PSK and other digimodes on 40, 30, and 20 meters. I use 7.035, 10.140, and 14.070.

Does anyone know if I can activate a park I visited two weeks ago, even though I didn't join the group until I returned home. (A ham I QSOed with told me about POTA.)

Thanks,
Andy, K4RKQ

306. Desoto National Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 21:44:46 UTC
From: RobertR
Topic: 306 Message: 306

I will be activating the Desoto National Park next week, evenings starting at 6:30 CST. QRP using PSK close to 14.070mHz from EM51JE59. Once active, I will post on both this site and K3UK. The Mississippi Parks (with clickable links) is posted in the files section.

Don
KA5DON

307. Fw: [HFnow] N7UN/p Catskills/Kaaterskill High Peak 9Oct 2010

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-07 14:59:39 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 307 Message: 307

For State/Province activations why not use the HFNow forum and simply post a note such as below to announce that a certain operator will be in a given park during a specific weekend and will be operating on (or start operating on) specified frequencies.

Just thoughts. Enjoy the hobby.
Jim KD5VXH

----- Original Message -----
From: Guy
To: hfnow@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2010 6:58 AM
Subject: [HFnow] N7UN/p Catskills/Kaaterskill High Peak 9Oct 2010

WHAT: Catskill Mtns in south NY State. Hike into Kaaterskill High Peak from Platte Clove side. 7.2 mile (11.6 km) roundtrip with an elevation gain of 1700'
WHO: N7UN/p
WHERE: Katterskill High Peak (SOTA W2/GC-008) 3,655 ft / 1,114m.
FREQ: 14061 +/- qrm
TIME: 1800 - 2100 utc on 9 Oct 2010. Bad wx will limit operating duration.
APRS: http://aprs.fi/?call=n7un-9 (for both the drive up plus the hike to the summit)
RIG: K1 @ 5w w/ ultralight Buddipole Vertical. CW only on this trip.
WX: Forecasted to be sunny. Catskills are in their "peak" for fall foliage colors.
SUMMIT INFO on Katterskill High Peak:

http://www.catskillhiker.net/Catskill35/peaks/kaaterskill.shtml
http://listsofjohn.com/PeakStats/Climbers.php?Id=88498

INFO: Will spot start via TweetSpots to qrpspots.com Summit is supposed to have great vistas to east and west.

Hope to work you from the Summit!
--
Guy/N7UN
http://www.n7un.com

308. FOR SALE:

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 12:09:04 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 308 Message: 308

Groups of original old FT243 crystals. Great for experiments
needing some reliable WW2-era rocks for those who prefer them.
Hard to beat and hard to find. They just need a home!

GROUP 6 - SIX (6) FT243 crystals - original ones on
7125, 7140, 7206, 7200, 7202, 7243 kHz
Available for just $6.00 total for all six plus shipping.

GROUP 7 - SEVEN (7) FT243 crystals - original ones on
7125, 7140, 7173, 7229, 7242, 7274, 7291 kHz
Available for just $7.00 total for all seven plus shipping.

GROUP 8 - EIGHT (8) FT243 CRYSTALS - original ones on
7125, 7140, 7167, 7205, 7221, 7248, 7291, 7297 kHz
Available for just $8.00 total for all eight plus shipping.

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Many other ham band FT243 crystals, new and old available.
See:
http://www.af4k.com/basementcrystals.htm
http://www.af4k.com/crystals.htm

73 - Bry, AF4K

309. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 14:19:14 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 309

I'm on 14253 from cheybogan state park.

Jay

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> Jay aka KD8EUR
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310. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 14:42:16 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 310

Moved to 14328.

Jay

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "dighsx" <dighsx@...> wrote:
>
> I'm on 14253 from cheybogan state park.
>
> Jay
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311. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 14:44:41 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 311

Working at our store this morning, as soon as I get home I will give you a call...
Fred

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Sat, 09 Oct 2010 14:42:16 -0000
"dighsx" <dighsx@...> wrote:
Moved to 14328.

Jay

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312. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 14:44:59 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 312

We might be too close though.

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On Sat, 09 Oct 2010 14:42:16 -0000
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Jay

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> > Jay aka KD8EUR
> >
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313. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 19:18:03 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 313

Sounds like the PA QSO Party has the band wrapped up....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: dighsx
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:42 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Moved to 14328.

Jay

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> >
>

314. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 20:46:08 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 314

yep it's been a struggle all day. I'm going to call cq for abit around 14316.

Jay aka kd8eur

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
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> Fred
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: dighsx
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:42 AM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
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> Moved to 14328.
>
> Jay
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315. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 21:16:40 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 315

Jay:
How many qso's so far?
Any chance of 40 meters?

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: dighsx
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 4:46 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

yep it's been a struggle all day. I'm going to call cq for abit around 14316.

Jay aka kd8eur

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: dighsx
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:42 AM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
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>

316. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 21:30:40 UTC
From: dighsx@yahoo.com
Topic: 287 Message: 316

I've got about twelve qsos. I can do forty but finding an open spot is
tricky.

Jay

-----Original message-----
From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, Oct 9, 2010 21:16:51 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Jay:
How many qso's so far?
Any chance of 40 meters?

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: dighsx
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 4:46 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

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Jay aka kd8eur

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> Fred
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> CFARS Member
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: dighsx
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:42 AM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

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317. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 21:41:11 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 317

going to give 3935 a try.

Jay

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "dighsx@..." <dighsx@...> wrote:
>
> I've got about twelve qsos. I can do forty but finding an open spot is
> tricky.
>
> Jay
>
> -----Original message-----
> From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Sat, Oct 9, 2010 21:16:51 GMT+00:00
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
>
> Jay:
> How many qso's so far?
> Any chance of 40 meters?
>
>
> Fred
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: dighsx
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 4:46 PM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
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> > Fred
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> > ----- Original Message -----
> > From: dighsx
> > To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
> > Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:42 AM
> > Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
> >
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318. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 21:35:51 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 318

Jay, I am on 7.210 .....

A little bit quieter on this end....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: dighsx@yahoo.com
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 5:30 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

I've got about twelve qsos. I can do forty but finding an open spot is tricky.

Jay

-----Original message-----

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, Oct 9, 2010 21:16:51 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Jay:
How many qso's so far?
Any chance of 40 meters?

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
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SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
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----- Original Message -----
From: dighsx
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 4:46 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

yep it's been a struggle all day. I'm going to call cq for abit around 14316.

Jay aka kd8eur

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> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:42 AM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
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319. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 21:45:36 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 287 Message: 319

Hear you working a K8 station, but barely hearing you Jay....
Maybe change antenna from my vertical to windom...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: dighsx
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 5:41 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

going to give 3935 a try.

Jay

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "dighsx@..." <dighsx@...> wrote:
>
> I've got about twelve qsos. I can do forty but finding an open spot is
> tricky.
>
> Jay
>
> -----Original message-----
> From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Sat, Oct 9, 2010 21:16:51 GMT+00:00
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
>
> Jay:
> How many qso's so far?
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>
>
> Fred
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> DEC Amethyst District ARES
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: dighsx
> To: p_o_t_a_@...

> Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 4:46 PM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
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> --- In p_o_t_a_@..., "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@> wrote:
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> > From: dighsx
> > To: p_o_t_a_@...
> > Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 10:42 AM
> > Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
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> it on my phon
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320. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-09 21:58:30 UTC
From: dighsx@yahoo.com
Topic: 287 Message: 320

Nice to see you could already hear me

Jay

-----Original message-----
From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, Oct 9, 2010 21:47:04 GMT+00:00
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Hear you working a K8 station, but barely hearing you Jay....
Maybe change antenna from my vertical to windom...

Fred
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SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: dighsx
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2010 5:41 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

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> -----Original message-----
> From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Sat, Oct 9, 2010 21:16:51 GMT+00:00
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
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> Jay:
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> Jay aka kd8eur
>
> --- In p_o_t_a_@..., "

321. N2YYZ/p Spectacle Island IOTA/POTA activation, USislands qualification

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-10 04:39:50 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 321 Message: 321

WHAT: Attempting my first IOTA activation, POTA activation, and US Islands qualification
WHERE: Spectacle Island in the Boston Harbor Islands State Park; grid locator FN42mh
WHO: N2YYZ/p
WHEN: approx 1600Z-2000Z on Sunday 10 Oct 2010.

IDENTIFIERS: IOTA NA-148, USislands MA010, POTA USMA003
FREQ: 14260 +/-, 18128 +/-
perhaps others; I will post my current frequency in my APRS status message.
APRS: http://aprs.fi/?call=N2YYZ-7
WX: Forecast is sunny, high 65F/18C, winds 10mph/16kph
RIG: IC-7000 w/ Ventenna HFp vertical & Buddipole A123 4S4P battery. SSB only; still learning Morse. VX8G w/ 2m halfwave for APRS.

I have not been to Spectacle Island before, so I am not sure that I will be successful. And this is the last weekend until the spring that the ferry runs to the harbor islands. Hopefully I am able to find a good spot to set up, and conditions are good. If it looks like this isn't coming together, I'll try to reply to this mail from my cell phone.

Hope to meet you on the air! And sorry for the late notice.
vy 73,
-chris N2YYZ
FN42ki

322. Harmonie State Park Activation - Indiana

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-10 16:22:18 UTC
From: wa2usa
Topic: 322 Message: 322

Hello all.
I will activate Harmonie State Park this coming Tuesday October 12th from 1400 to 1900 UTC on CW and SSB. The CW frequencies will be 7.050 and 14.050 plus or minus QRM and SSB on 7.150 and 14.250 plus or minus QRM. However, look for me mostly on CW. The callsign will be WA2USA/9.

This is my opportunity to work out the bugs for further operations, ones mainly on the weekend..

73 de Dennis - WA2USA/9.

323. Re: N2YYZ/p Spectacle Island IOTA/POTA activation, USislands qualification

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-10 18:54:01 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 321 Message: 323

This won't be happening. Sorry all.

-chris N2YYZ
sent from my mobile
On Oct 10, 2010 12:39 AM, "Chris Danis" <cdanis@...> wrote:
> WHAT: Attempting my first IOTA activation, POTA activation, and US Islands
> qualification
> WHERE: Spectacle Island in the Boston Harbor Islands State Park; grid
> locator FN42mh
> WHO: N2YYZ/p
> WHEN: approx 1600Z-2000Z on Sunday 10 Oct 2010.
>
> IDENTIFIERS: IOTA NA-148, USislands MA010, POTA USMA003
> FREQ: 14260 +/-, 18128 +/-
> perhaps others; I will post my current frequency in my APRS status
message.
> APRS: http://aprs.fi/?call=N2YYZ-7
> WX: Forecast is sunny, high 65F/18C, winds 10mph/16kph
> RIG: IC-7000 w/ Ventenna HFp vertical & Buddipole A123 4S4P battery. SSB
> only; still learning Morse. VX8G w/ 2m halfwave for APRS.
>
> I have not been to Spectacle Island before, so I am not sure that I will
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> successful. And this is the last weekend until the spring that the ferry
> runs to the harbor islands. Hopefully I am able to find a good spot to set
> up, and conditions are good. If it looks like this isn't coming together,
> I'll try to reply to this mail from my cell phone.
>
> Hope to meet you on the air! And sorry for the late notice.
> vy 73,
> -chris N2YYZ
> FN42ki

324. Saturday Sept 23rd 2010 Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-10 19:16:19 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 324 Message: 324

Gang:

2 weeks from now on Saturday October 23rd I am hoping to operate from Sleeping Giant Provincial Park.
http://worldwidepanorama.org/worldwidepanorama/wwp608/html/FSeanBickford-4701.html

http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/slee.html

I come off nightshift friday, but hope to be in place by at least 1600z for a few hours of operation and playing. Will attempt ti use some digital and cw for sure, and maybe voice. Running QRP as always...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES

325. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Saturday Sept 23rd 2010 Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-10 19:34:01 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 324 Message: 325

Should read October 23rd......

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: VE3FAL
To: Bill Unger ; p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Sunday, October 10, 2010 3:16 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Saturday Sept 23rd 2010 Activation

Gang:

2 weeks from now on Saturday October 23rd I am hoping to operate from Sleeping Giant Provincial Park.
http://worldwidepanorama.org/worldwidepanorama/wwp608/html/FSeanBickford-4701.html

http://www.ontarioparks.com/english/slee.html

I come off nightshift friday, but hope to be in place by at least 1600z for a few hours of operation and playing. Will attempt ti use some digital and cw for sure, and maybe voice. Running QRP as always...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES

326. New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 01:12:22 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 326 Message: 326

Howdy gang, just joined and I have several questions...

Can I start activating local and Ohio State parks now, or do I hafta wait???

Is there an Awards program all set up???

Any Awards for Activators???

Do I need to send you a list first before Activating???

Are local/community Parks allowed???

Do previous Park Activations qualify for Awards???

Anyway, I've been involved in the Ohio State Parks On The Air in 08 and 09, and I hope these qualify... I'm planing on a 'pedition during the ARRL June VHF 2011 to 3 Ohio State Parks (which includes 1 Island (for USi), and a Lighthouse... I only use 6 Meters, I have no other bands, and don't want any other bands... Give me a reason to go out to just about anywhere and operate 6 Meters, and I'll do it... :)

PeAcE...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 TIL DEATH...

327. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 03:22:20 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 326 Message: 327

On Sun, 2010-10-10 at 19:12 -0600, n8ofs@... wrote:
>
> Howdy gang, just joined and I have several questions...

Welcome!!!

> Can I start activating local and Ohio State parks now, or do I hafta
> wait???

Go for it as soon as you like

> Is there an Awards program all set up???

We're working on it

> Any Awards for Activators???

We're working on it

> Do I need to send you a list first before Activating???

No. The lists you probably have seen posted are informational, but not required. The "activation" spreadsheets are recording park activations until a formal web site with data base is up and running.

> Are local/community Parks allowed???

As this stage, no. That could change in the future, but for simplicity's sake, the focus for now is on state, provincial, and national parks anywhere in the world.

> Do previous Park Activations qualify for Awards???

Good question. We haven't cogitated on that one yet.

Since the group is perhaps a month old, you can imagine that much remains a work in progress. The big thing for now is to get out and activate the parks so each can be assigned a number to make future exchanges easier. Five contacts are all that's needed to activate a park, HF and/or VHF/UHF simplex (any mode).

I'm sure you'll have a lot of fun mixing fresh air with six meters!

With best regards,

Pete

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328. QRV

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 15:39:28 UTC
From: Doug Chlan
Topic: 328 Message: 328

Hello Folks,

I will be QRV with the FT817 from the Torrance Barrens Dark Sky Reserve 12/13 October 2010 from about 2200z on the following frequencies; 3733.0 LSB, 3755.0 LSB, 3791.0 USB, 7185.0 USB & 14342.5 USB. Hope to work as many of you as possible. 73 for now...

Cheers!
Doug...
VE3GHQ

329. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 18:29:35 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 326 Message: 329

>> Can I start activating local and Ohio State parks now, or do I hafta
>> wait???
>
> Go for it as soon as you like
>
Don't I need some "number" then for the Parks I'm going to???

>> Do I need to send you a list first before Activating???
>
> No. The lists you probably have seen posted are informational, but not
> required. The "activation" spreadsheets are recording park activations
> until a formal web site with data base is up and running.
>
I don't have anything in this XP box that can deal with .xls files, so I
haven't seen most of them...

>> Are local/community Parks allowed???
>
> As this stage, no. That could change in the future, but for simplicity's
> sake, the focus for now is on state, provincial, and national parks
> anywhere in the world.
>
OK, how about County Parks???

>> Do previous Park Activations qualify for Awards???
>
> Good question. We haven't cogitated on that one yet.
>
See: http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/?p=173

> Since the group is perhaps a month old, you can imagine that much
> remains a work in progress.

OOOhhhhhhh... I didn't know it was that "new"... I thought you guys had
been at this for a few years...

> The big thing for now is to get out and activate the parks so each can be
> assigned a number to make future exchanges easier.

OK, give me a number then for Fidley Ohio State Park, that one is real
close to me, and I've done OSPOTA from there back in '08...

> Five contacts are all that's needed to activate a
> park, HF and/or VHF/UHF simplex (any mode).
>
5... OK... That's a piece of cake then... Got 5 locals who sit on a
certain "Super Secret" Simplex frequency on 6 Meters... But I'd prefer to

go out and do this during VHF/6 Contests to give everybody a chance rather
than "smash and grab" style...

> I'm sure you'll have a lot of fun mixing fresh air with six meters!
>
I always have fun on 6...

> With best regards,
>
> Pete
>
Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death...
SMIRK#6737

330. Re: New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 18:36:16 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 326 Message: 330

>?If you like you can be the head guy in Ohio.

Nonononononono... You should talk to the OSPOTA guys...
http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/

I'm not sure I'd have the time... The SOTA guys wanted me to head up W8,
told them I just didn't have time...

> You can create a .xls file like I did.

This XP box can't deal with .xls, and I'm not puting any more Winbloze
Bloatwear on it...

> 73

PeAcE...

> Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death...
SMIRK#6737

331. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 18:48:26 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 326 Message: 331

Ok then I'll create a .xls file like on the others...

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GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

--- On Mon, 10/11/10, n8ofs@... <n8ofs@...> wrote:

From: n8ofs@... <n8ofs@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New member with several questions...
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Monday, October 11, 2010, 2:36 PM

> If you like you can be the head guy in Ohio.

Nonononononono... You should talk to the OSPOTA guys...
http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/

I'm not sure I'd have the time... The SOTA guys wanted me to head up W8,
told them I just didn't have time...

> You can create a .xls file like I did.

This XP box can't deal with .xls, and I'm not puting any more Winbloze
Bloatwear on it...

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PeAcE...

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6 til death...
SMIRK#6737

332. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 20:11:40 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 326 Message: 332

On Mon, 2010-10-11 at 12:29 -0600, n8ofs@... wrote:
>

> Don't I need some "number" then for the Parks I'm going to???

The park doesn't receive a number until after the initial five or more qsos have been made during first activation.

> I don't have anything in this XP box that can deal with .xls files, so
> I
> haven't seen most of them...

Ah, OK, then no Excel on your box. Let me suggest OpenOffice.org. It's a full-feature office suite, it's free, and it reads and writes to XLS files. (I've been using it professionally for years, its good stuff.)

http://www.openoffice.org/

> OK, how about County Parks???

Nope, not a state, provincial, or national park by definition (although, as I said, this may change over time.)
>

> OOOhhhhhhh... I didn't know it was that "new"... I thought you guys
> had
> been at this for a few years...

Yeah, you're getting in on the ground floor! ;-)

>
> OK, give me a number then for Fidley Ohio State Park, that one is real
> close to me, and I've done OSPOTA from there back in '08...

As I mentioned, we haven't figured out whether to grandfather a park that was activated for some other organization/activity. But hey, what's not to like about being the first in Ohio to activate (even if it's "again" for you) the first Ohio park.

> 5... OK... That's a piece of cake then... Got 5 locals who sit on a
> certain "Super Secret" Simplex frequency on 6 Meters... But I'd prefer
> to
> go out and do this during VHF/6 Contests to give everybody a chance
> rather
> than "smash and grab" style...

Without an initial 5-QSO activation, there would be no park to offer up for the 6-meter 'test. That initial outing qualifies it for a number.

Then when you go out for the contest, you've got a number to give out.

With best regards,

Pete

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333. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 20:55:47 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 326 Message: 333

>> Don't I need some "number" then for the Parks I'm going to???
>
> The park doesn't receive a number until after the initial five or more
> qsos have been made during first activation.
>
Ahhh, OK...

>> OK, how about County Parks???
>
> Nope, not a state, provincial, or national park by definition (although,
> as I said, this may change over time.)
>>
Ahhh, OK...

>> OOOhhhhhhh... I didn't know it was that "new"... I thought you guys
>> had been at this for a few years...
>
> Yeah, you're getting in on the ground floor! ;-)
>
Cool... :) I was in on the ground floor of RRDOTA RailRoad Depots On The
Air...

> As I mentioned, we haven't figured out whether to grandfather a park
> that was activated for some other organization/activity. But hey, what's
> not to like about being the first in Ohio to activate (even if it's
> "again" for you) the first Ohio park.
>
OK, so what "proof" do I need to give you that I worked 5 stations from
Findley Ohio State Park??? Cards, eQSLs, LotWs, Logs???
>
> Without an initial 5-QSO activation, there would be no park to offer up
> for the 6-meter 'test. That initial outing qualifies it for a number.
> Then when you go out for the contest, you've got a number to give out.
>
The only problem I can see with this is my upcomming Tri-Ohio State Park
'pedition (includes 1 USi and one Lighthouse) during the ARRL June VHF
2011 Contest... I don't know if I can justify running all the way up
there to 3 Parks, work 5 people per Park, then come home and wait for a
number and hope I get it before I head up there for the Contest... But
Findley Ohio State Park, I could do that one about any time...

> With best regards,
>
> Pete
>
PeAcE...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death...

334. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New member with several questions...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-11 21:08:19 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 326 Message: 334

On Mon, 2010-10-11 at 14:55 -0600, n8ofs@... wrote:
>

> OK, so what "proof" do I need to give you that I worked 5 stations
> from
> Findley Ohio State Park??? Cards, eQSLs, LotWs, Logs???

Up to now, we've been going somewhat on the honor system, with people filing a note to the list or posting a spreadsheet in the files section. And many of us listen out for them and try to contact then when they are activating.

One of our members is working on a website that will include data-base capabilities. For now, you could either list the contacts in an email and at least give date, time, call, band/freq (yeah, I know, easy for you!), qth of the other op (S/P/C), and if you want to include any notes that others might find interesting, feel free to include those as well. Or you can post an *adi file to the files section. Or webbies are working on ways to get those files xlated into the site's data base. (Site not up yet.)

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> Park
> 'pedition (includes 1 USi and one Lighthouse) during the ARRL June VHF
> 2011 Contest... I don't know if I can justify running all the way up
> there to 3 Parks, work 5 people per Park, then come home and wait for
> a
> number and hope I get it before I head up there for the Contest... But
> Findley Ohio State Park, I could do that one about any time...

With some tongue in cheek, I'd say that the five contacts is a minimum. If you were to go on a weekend camping trip to the farther parks between now and June, you'd have a relaxing time and get the parks prepped for the June VHF party. Heck, make as many contacts as you like!

With best regards,

Pete

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335. Parks On The Air (POTA) USFL002 Honeymoon Island, Florida NA-034

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-12 00:48:31 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 335 Message: 335

WHAT: Attempting my first POTA activation, IOTA activation, and US Islands FL017S
WHERE: Honeymoon Island, Florida NA-034
WHO: N4NSS/p with N4EAT/p
WHEN: approx 1300Z-2200Z on Tuesday Oct. 12, 2010.
GRID: EL88ob Lat 28.050167 Lon -82.799149
IDENTIFIERS: IOTA NA-034, USislands FL017S, POTA USFL002
FREQ: 7.030, 7.114 10.115, 14.50 - 14.062. perhaps others......
I hope my first contact will post my current frequency on www.QRPSPOTS.com <http://www.QRPSPOTS.com> .

WX: Forecast is sunny, high 87F

RIG: IC-7000 w/ Vert. or Inverted L, or W5GI, and Budistick. Solar and battery.

CU There,
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336. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-12 01:25:04 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 336

Here's my log from my activation of Cheybogan State Park on 10/9/10.
Not sure if this is the way I'm supposed to submit it but here it is
none the less:

(all times in UTC)
Freq, Call, Time, Report
14.253, KD5C, 10:24, 59
14.324, WT3G, 10:28, 56
14.328, K4MDZ, 14:53, 59
14.336, N5UZW, 15:13, 55
14.336, N0DXE, 15:13, 55
14.336, NOKV, 15:14, 59
14.336, TI8II, 15:15, 59
14.336, N5LMB, 15:16, 59
7275, K8CJQ, 16:15, 59
7287, KB3UEE, 17:00, 59
14.282.5, K7IA, 20:41, 59
3.921, N8GWN, 21:37, 59
3.935, K8VF, 21:45, 59
3.935, N8DQU, 21:49, 59

Over all not a bad showing, was hoping for more. I had to battle the PA
QSO party and what sounded like an SSB contest in Europe. I'll post up
some pictures after I submit this.

My setup was an IC-7000 running about 60 watts into a homebrew 40m/20m
experimental dipole-ish antenna. I think next time out I'll try a
vertical antenna and maybe give psk31 a go.

Thanks to all who I worked and to those who tried to work me.

73,
Jay aka KD8EUR

337. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-12 01:59:24 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 287 Message: 337

On Tue, 2010-10-12 at 01:25 +0000, dighsx wrote:
>
> Here's my log from my activation of Cheybogan State Park on 10/9/10.
> Not sure if this is the way I'm supposed to submit it but here it is
> none the less:
>
snip

Nice job, Jay...

With best regards,

Pete

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338. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-12 02:35:16 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 287 Message: 338

hey pete...

jusdt taking a nosy by your website...

congrats on the 2 parks, and thank you for the plug for mine heh...

ill be trying to get to another one this weekend, but illness in the family screwed me over last weekend lol

charlie
----- Original Message -----
From: "Peter N. Spotts" <w1pns@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2010 21:59
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation
<CUT>
> --
> Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
> http://www.w1pns.net

339. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-12 12:27:26 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 287 Message: 339

One of my habits that annoys my wife is after I do something (have a party, paint the house, etc) I make a list of things I learned and things I'd do differently. The biggest reason I do this is because I tend to forget most things and have learned the hard way making a list for next time is helpful. (granted half the time I can't remember where I put the list hahahaha)

So here's my post game lists for my activation of Cheybogan State Park:
Things to do next time:
- Let the county hunters know I'm out there. I got my most contacts when I hit on a group of county hunters.
- Have more of a plan on where to operate. Looking back I think I would have done better sitting on 40m instead of trying 20, then 40 then 80 then back to 20. I should have picked a spot and hunkered down for the duration.
- Try a vertical antenna
- Take some ARRL brochures for passerby's. Had a few people stop and ask what I was up to. Would have been nice to have some ARRL info and really it'd be cool if POTA had a handout.
- Get the antenna higher
- Take more breaks and enjoy the park a bit

This things not to do next time:
- Stop fiddling with the antenna and spend the time calling cq. (hahaha like I'm going to do this one)
- Don't get bummed when no one answers you (see: taking more breaks)

Things I forgot to bring:
- Pad to sit on for park bench
- Satellite antenna. Might be cool to try and get an AO-51 contact for POTA. We could be Parks.... in..... space.....(add some echo when you read that hehe)
- Coffee and snacks (and if you smoke a pipe make sure to take tobacco that crowds like)
- Info about POTA (link to yahoo group etc, blurb to read to people about the group, etc)

And my on going item, get better at cw as it gets out more.

A side rant: One thing that kills me is you sit there calling cq and get nothing back. You start to wonder if your radio is even on. But then you have to ask yourself do you answer people calling cq? If the answer is no or even just a sometimes, maybe it's time to go out of your way for those guys calling cq. Now that you've been on the other side. End rant.

Over all had a nice time. Plan on doing a bunch more parks over the winter so keep your ears out for me.

73,
Jay aka KD8EUR

P.S. I encourage everyone who activates a park to do a post game like this. Maybe if we get enough of them we could come up with a sheet of do's, don'ts and don't forgets that would be helpful for anyone going out in field.

340. POTA USFL002 Honeymoon Island State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-13 11:51:25 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 340 Message: 340

POTA USFL002 Honeymoon Island State Park
Activated by N4NSS Kyle on Qct. 12, 2010

KG4QW 14:25:22Z Guantananamo Bay 20M CW
N5OL 14:43:34Z Edmond, OK 20M CW
WB6JVP 15:23:54Z Anaheim, CA 20M CW
N2RRA 15:45:05Z West Harrison, NY 20M SSB
W4HI/M 17:22:24Z Mobile in - MD 20M SSB
W5SOI/M 17:43:01Z Mobile in - OK 20M SSB
W1AW 18:00:40Z Newington, CT 20M SSB
XE1/VE&BDI 18:40:46Z Mexico City, MX 17M CW
9J2BO 18:50:03Z Lusaka, Zambia 17M CW
6Y5WJ 19:01:44Z St. Elizabeth, Jamacia 17M CW
W7CI 19:12:24Z Sierra Vista, AZ 15M SSB
W8PBO 19:54:46Z Ravenswood, WV 20M CW
N5A 20:12:40Z Bristol, TX 20M CW
WB2AKP 20:21:34Z Rockville Cntr., NY 20M CW
K9TJL 20:33:31Z Carterville, IL 20M CW

When I got out to the park I instantly realized that I needed
bug spray. Mosquitoes are thirsty that time of the morning. I did manage to flag down a hiker who graciously provided bug spray.
After getting the W5Gi antenna up and hooking the radio gear together I was ready to go hunting. I tried CQ to no avail.
I realized everyone and their uncle were chasing those PY stations right in the CW area I was fishing.
Whatever happened to using the lower end of the band for DX?

I decided to do some S & P (search and pounce).

I was able to do some show-and-tell as well throught the day.

All-in-all, I had a great day visiting with some really nice people.

N4NSS Kyle

341. Danny WB9RIM-Thanks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-13 12:01:14 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 341 Message: 341

Danny:

I see you put a plug in for this group on some of the other groups you belong to, I belong to the same groups.
Thanks

Fred
VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

342. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Danny WB9RIM-Thanks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-13 12:14:39 UTC
From: danny garvin
Topic: 341 Message: 342

No problem Brian and I have dicussed this off and on for over a year now just glad to see it getting off the ground.

From: fred <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Wed, October 13, 2010 7:01:14 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Danny WB9RIM-Thanks

Danny:

I see you put a plug in for this group on some of the other groups you belong to, I belong to the same groups.
Thanks

Fred
VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

343. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA USFL002 Honeymoon Island State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-13 13:57:20 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 340 Message: 343

great congrats!!!!

another one in the book.

charlie
ai4ri
----- Original Message -----
From: "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 07:51
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] POTA USFL002 Honeymoon Island State Park

POTA USFL002 Honeymoon Island State Park
Activated by N4NSS Kyle on Qct. 12, 2010

344. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-13 14:46:16 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 287 Message: 344

Jay :

Some good pointers in your posting. I think that your idea of a post-game analysis is a good one. Its good to think about both what worked and what didn't.

What I have found often works to eek out contacts when a regular CQ has no takers is to try the FISTS Frequencies (i.e. on 40m that is around 7.058 Mhz) or SKCC Frequencies (on 40m at 7.050 Mhz and 7.120 Mhz) as I am a member of both groups. Often folks leave their rigs tuned to one of these "calling" frequencies when doing other things. Another good choice is HFPack.

Regarding vertical vs horizontal antennas, generally you will be better off with a horizontal antenna than a vertical when operating portable unless you are operating from a location that has excellent soil conductivity (ie a beach near the waterline) or farmland with extremely rich topsoil. I find that an inverted-vee is pretty simple to put up using a single fiberglass mast (I use either a DK9SQ mast or a 20 foot Crappy pole) so you don't have to depend on mother nature putting trees where you need them. Going with an inverted-vee however sacrifices gain and makes the antenna more or less omni-directional which may or may not be what you are looking for. Its a matter of personal preference as to how much time you want to spend trying to get the antenna up versus actually operating.

Michael VE3WMB / VA2NB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "dighsx" <dighsx@...> wrote:
>
> One of my habits that annoys my wife is after I do something (have a
> party, paint the house, etc) I make a list of things I learned and
> things I'd do differently. The biggest reason I do this is because I
> tend to forget most things and have learned the hard way making a list
> for next time is helpful. (granted half the time I can't remember where
> I put the list hahahaha)
>
> So here's my post game lists for my activation of Cheybogan State Park:
> Things to do next time:
> - Let the county hunters know I'm out there. I got my most contacts
> when I hit on a group of county hunters.
> - Have more of a plan on where to operate. Looking back I think I would
> have done better sitting on 40m instead of trying 20, then 40 then 80
> then back to 20. I should have picked a spot and hunkered down for the
> duration.
> - Try a vertical antenna
> - Take some ARRL brochures for passerby's. Had a few people stop and
> ask what I was up to. Would have been nice to have some ARRL info and
> really it'd be cool if POTA had a handout.
> - Get the antenna higher

> - Take more breaks and enjoy the park a bit
>
> This things not to do next time:
> - Stop fiddling with the antenna and spend the time calling cq. (hahaha
> like I'm going to do this one)
> - Don't get bummed when no one answers you (see: taking more breaks)
>
> Things I forgot to bring:
> - Pad to sit on for park bench
> - Satellite antenna. Might be cool to try and get an AO-51 contact for
> POTA. We could be Parks.... in..... space.....(add some echo when you
> read that hehe)
> - Coffee and snacks (and if you smoke a pipe make sure to take tobacco
> that crowds like)
> - Info about POTA (link to yahoo group etc, blurb to read to people
> about the group, etc)
>
> And my on going item, get better at cw as it gets out more.
>
> A side rant: One thing that kills me is you sit there calling cq and get
> nothing back. You start to wonder if your radio is even on. But then
> you have to ask yourself do you answer people calling cq? If the answer
> is no or even just a sometimes, maybe it's time to go out of your way
> for those guys calling cq. Now that you've been on the other side. End
> rant.
>
> Over all had a nice time. Plan on doing a bunch more parks over the
> winter so keep your ears out for me.
>
> 73,
> Jay aka KD8EUR
>
> P.S. I encourage everyone who activates a park to do a post game like
> this. Maybe if we get enough of them we could come up with a sheet of
> do's, don'ts and don't forgets that would be helpful for anyone going
> out in field.
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345. Re: Michigan State Parks List and Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-14 01:21:36 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 287 Message: 345

Jay,

Thanks for the hints to do better.

I spent the day (Tuesday) at Honeymoon Island tried CQ with no answers.
Answered CQ's to get my contacts.
Didn't take enough breaks and suffered for it.
Had nothing to hand out.
But, made plenty of nice contacts on CW, SSB, and eye-to-eye.

Tnx,

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
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346. Shakamak State Park - Indiana

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-14 16:34:00 UTC
From: wa2usa
Topic: 346 Message: 346

I'm off on another activation tomorrow October 15th. I will be QRV around 8:30 AM CDST. Look for me on CW at 7.050, 140.050 and 10.115 plus or minus. If I'm not there then look for me down the band seeking a QSO.
Sorry about the late notice and lack of SSB. I did order a microphone for the K3 and will have it for the next activation.

The call will be WA2USA/9.

If you want a sked leave me a message at wa2usa@...

73 de Dennis - WA2USA/9

347. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Shakamak State Park - Indiana

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-14 19:19:41 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 346 Message: 347

I am working d/s tomorrow, what time are you operating till?

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
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348. PA State Park Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-15 13:04:57 UTC
From: N3SW
Topic: 348 Message: 348

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Look for spots on www.qrpspots.com.
72
-Scott N3SW

349. Re: [p_o_t_a_] PA State Park Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-15 13:23:41 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 348 Message: 349

Scott,

If the park hasn't been registered yet, five or more contacts from your outing will "activate" it. So you may not have a park number to swap, but your activity will get it on the roster of activated parks.

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "N3SW" <richardscottw@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2010 9:04:57 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] PA State Park Outing

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350. WA2USA/9

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-15 14:52:18 UTC
From: Schley Cox
Topic: 350 Message: 350

Very nice QSO at 1300 with Dennis up in central Indiana. He's walking the talk for POTA. It was interesting listening to his signal get stronger and stronger here in Kentucky as the skip on 40 grew shorter. That was only about a 130 mile skip trip. Earlier this week when he was at Harmonie Park 40 miles from here I assume we were using ground wave thoughI have some difficulty telling the difference between ground wave and NVIS.

73

Cap W4AMW

351. Re: [p_o_t_a_] PA State Park Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-15 19:14:18 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 348 Message: 351

Scott, no problem on the park listing. I'll put it together. Since yours will be (I assume) the first PA park to be activated just use USPA001 as the identifier. Enjoy!

73, Brian WB9QVR

From: N3SW <richardscottw@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
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Subject: [p_o_t_a_] PA State Park Outing

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352. Re: [p_o_t_a_] PA State Park Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-15 22:57:55 UTC
From: AI4WM Bill
Topic: 348 Message: 352

Scott,
I will try to be on the air and hope to make contact.
I'm quite familiar with the location; I'm a former Keystoner.

73,

Bill

AI4WM

--- On Fri, 10/15/10, N3SW <richardscottw@...> wrote:

From: N3SW <richardscottw@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] PA State Park Outing
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Friday, October 15, 2010, 9:04 AM

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-Scott N3SW

353. Appalachian Trail in PA Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-16 00:04:36 UTC
From: Ron Polityka
Topic: 353 Message: 353

Hello,

I have been on the Appalachian Trail every month since
March 2000 making QSO's.

I plan to be out on the AT tomorrow in PA to hang a Carolina
Windom 80 and to test the antenna with my Elecraft K1.

I have to run into work tomorrow for 2 hours and then drive
to the location to hang the antenna. Not sure when I will be
on the air but it might be around 14:00 UTC. The antenna
that I am hanging in the trees will be for the following
week for the Polar Bear Moon Light Madness event.

Hope to make several Q's on 40 or 20 meters on Saturday with
my K1 @ 5 watts.

I have 1,284 QSO's from the AT sine March 2000.

72
Ron de WB3AAL

354. IRLP and 2 meters

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-16 11:17:46 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 354 Message: 354

Peter:
If you can hear and work the repaeter in Bridgewater I can access that via IRLP.
I should be set up by 10:00 am EST or 1400z.
I will be on SSB near JOTA frequencies and will also have the FT817 set up for digital modes using the buddipole...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
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355. Re: [p_o_t_a_] IRLP and 2 meters

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-16 12:06:20 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 354 Message: 355

Argh! I'm working today. You mentioned you'd be operating through this evening. How late will you be on?

Pete

----- Original Message -----
From: "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>, w1pns@...
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2010 7:17:46 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] IRLP and 2 meters

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356. Re: [p_o_t_a_] IRLP and 2 meters

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-16 12:40:35 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 354 Message: 356

Long after supper if things are good today.....
On my way now, and was talking to the boys in Bridgewater via IRLP as they were heading out to JOTA..
Cheers gang...

Fred
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CFARS Member
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----- Original Message -----
From: w1pns@...
To: p o t a
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2010 8:06 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] IRLP and 2 meters

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357. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Shakamak State Park - Indiana

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-16 13:15:34 UTC
From: Dennis Martin
Topic: 346 Message: 357

Sorry Fred, I did not get your email until after I got back.
However, I will keep you posted concerning my next effort.
I usually use my AOL email address since I am very new to Yahoo.
By the way, I'm looking at the map of Ky and may get over there next week
and activate a park. Possibly Lake Malone or Nolan Lake. Will let you know.
I'm retired so I'll operate from approximately 9 AM to 4 PM CDST.

73 de Dennis - WA2USA

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Thu, October 14, 2010 2:19:41 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Shakamak State Park - Indiana

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358. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-16 18:25:30 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 358

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /OhioStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Ohio State Parks & Preserves

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/OhioStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

359. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-16 18:43:23 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 359

Even though Ohio has been doing this parks thing for awhile now, our program is new and each park that is activated will identified by an ID number relative to our P.O.T.A. Group.

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Sat, 10/16/10, p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Saturday, October 16, 2010, 2:25 PM

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

360. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Appalachian Trail in PA Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-17 00:20:00 UTC
From: Ron Polityka
Topic: 353 Message: 360

Hello,

Unfortunately I had to cancel my outing today due to 20 to 30 MPH winds in the area. I did go to the site on the Appalachian Trail and did not want to chance trying to hang a 133 foot long antenna in the wind.

I did help one of my hiking club member build a roof for the other cabin that we have in the area. When I got home I took advantage of the wind and spent the next 6 1/2 hours de-veining and de-seeding hot peppers outside in the wind.

Look for me next weekend. Hopefully I will be staying over night.

72
Ron de WB3AAL

361. Re: PA State Park Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-17 13:27:20 UTC
From: N3SW
Topic: 348 Message: 361

We did the activation yesterday as planned. It was a nice day for an outing, though the wind made setting up our antennas a bit of a challenge! I could not self-post by cell phone from that location. We worked the following list of stations using my call (N3SW), almost all of them participants in the QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party:

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6 N4DL 559 FL 4W 559 10/16 16:41 CW 20 2
7 W3HMS 599 PA 10W 599 10/16 16:50 CW 20 2
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So you can count Gifford Pinchot SP in PA as having been activated.
I operated using an Elecraft KX-1 and a Black Widow vertical. W3HMS operated using a K3 at 10 watts and a homebrew vertical. I do not have his log file as of yet. I also got an opportunity to get my hands on a K3 for a while. Nice rig!
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> --- On Fri, 10/15/10, N3SW <richardscottw@...> wrote:
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> From: N3SW <richardscottw@...>
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] PA State Park Outing
> To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
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362. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-17 16:30:43 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 362

Hello,

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group.

File : /PensylvaniaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Pennsylvania StatePark

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

363. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: PA State Park Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-17 16:32:20 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 348 Message: 363

Congratulations Scott....see the list for PA...

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
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My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

--- On Sun, 10/17/10, N3SW <richardscottw@...> wrote:

From: N3SW <richardscottw@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: PA State Park Outing
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Sunday, October 17, 2010, 9:27 AM

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364. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-17 18:54:25 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 364

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Description : Maryland State Parks

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

365. U.S. National Parks will wave entrance fees on November 11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 12:55:17 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 365 Message: 365

All U.S. National Parks will wave entrance fees on November 11 in recognition of current and former servicemen and women.

Kyle N4NSS CTR USN

366. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 16:35:33 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 366

Hello,

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File : /VirginiaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Virginia State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/VirginiaStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

367. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 16:36:00 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 367

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /WestVirginiaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : West Virginia State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/WestVirginiaStateParks.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

368. Re: [p_o_t_a_] U.S. National Parks will wave entrance fees on November 11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 17:01:36 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 365 Message: 368

On 10/18/2010 08:55, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
> All U.S. National Parks will wave entrance fees on November 11 in recognition of current and former servicemen and women.

sweet.. might go and get me some activation :) if i can find a
national park around here

charlie

369. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 17:33:03 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 369

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /GeorgiaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Georgia State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/GeorgiaStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

370. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 17:46:05 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 370

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /DelawareStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Delaware State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/DelawareStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

371. Lake Malone State Park - Kentucky

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 18:05:53 UTC
From: wa2usa
Topic: 371 Message: 371

Here I go again! I talked with Paula at Lake Malone State Park in Kentucky and she said I could stop by this Thursday and play amateur radio. So, weather permitting I'll be QRV from this park on my usual frequencies of 7.050, 14.050 and 10.115 on Charlie Whiskey, or CW. HI.
The microphone I ordered wont arrive in time....Sorry to the SSB members.
So October 21st. starting from 0900 to 1500 / 1600 EDST depending on band conditions and activity.

Yours,

Dennis - WA2USA

By the way, I will sign as WA2USA/4

372. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 18:28:31 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 372

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MaineStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Maine State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MaineStateParks.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

373. Re: U.S. National Parks will wave entrance fees on November 11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 20:02:19 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 365 Message: 373

Hope on over to Canaveral Charlie,
Barclay/wu1b

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "Charles \"AI4RI\" Blackburn" <ai4ri@...> wrote:
>
> On 10/18/2010 08:55, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
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>
> sweet.. might go and get me some activation :) if i can find a
> national park around here
>
> charlie
>

374. Re: U.S. National Parks will wave entrance fees on November 11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-18 20:03:45 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 365 Message: 374

That was supposed to be 'hop' on over ;~ }. 'Hope' to hear you..
Barclay

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "wu1bmobile" <barcthom@...> wrote:
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> Hope on over to Canaveral Charlie,
> Barclay/wu1b
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> > charlie
> >
>

375. Sleeping Giant Provincial Park (AKA Sibley)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-19 01:38:15 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 375 Message: 375

October 18th 2010

Just a reminder that myself and Bill Unger VE3XT will be up at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park for activation on Saturday October 23rd from approx. 1600z till abut 2000z.
We will be operating QRP using a FT-817, K1 and HB1A from the Thunder Bay Lookout in the park.
We will be operating CW and I hope to operate some PSK as well, it sure worked good on the weekend with JOTA, lots of QRP PSK qso's in the log.

I will update as the day gets closer.

73
Fred VE3FAL

376. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Provincial Park (AKA Sibley)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-20 14:29:19 UTC
From: Dennis Martin
Topic: 375 Message: 376

Fred,
We'll look for you this Saturday. Thought I'd let you know N4EX will activate a park in NC and I a park in KY this Thursday, tomorrow, about the same time, 0900 to 1600 EDST on or about 7.050 +/- QRM.
Take care,
Dennis - WA2USA

From: fred <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, October 18, 2010 8:38:15 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Provincial Park (AKA Sibley)

October 18th 2010

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Fred VE3FAL

377. William B. Umstead State Park - North Carolina (Activation 10/21/2010)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-20 19:28:25 UTC
From: rhomolya
Topic: 377 Message: 377

I will be activating Umstead State Park near Raleigh NC on Thursday 21 Oct 2010.

I plan to operate from 10AM - 3PM EDST (1400-1900UTC) on 7040, 10110, 14040, & 18085khz as band condx/activity permit. I'll be using an Elecraft K1 at 5W with a Buddipole at 19ft. If you hear me, please feel free to give me a call. This is my first POTA activation. 73 Rich N4ex

378. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-21 17:50:43 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 378

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NorthCarolinaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : North Carolina State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NorthCarolinaStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

379. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-21 19:16:26 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 379

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /SouthCarolinaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : South Carolina State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/SouthCarolinaStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

380. Saturday Sleeping Giant Prov. Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-21 23:26:01 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 380 Message: 380

Weather so far looks good, cool (7C) but no rain as of yet (or snow).
I will have my FT-817 with me as well as my laptop and buddipole.
I will operate cw and some PSK as well I hope calling "CQ POTA"

I will stick to these frequencies for the activation:
7.040 (CW)
7.113 (CW)
10.120 (CW)
14.040 (CW)
14.070.15 (PSK)
18.080 (CW)
21.050 (CW)

Obviously as band cdx permit. We will be out about 4 hours for sure.
Both Bill VE3XT and myself will be operating from the Park using our own callsigns or that of our local QRP Club which is VE3LTQ.

I will have APRS up and running for spotting if I need to on both HF and VHF.

Fred
VE3FAL

381. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-22 17:28:32 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 381

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MassachusettsStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Massachusetts State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MassachusettsStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

382. W/VE Islands programs

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-22 18:18:35 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 382 Message: 382

Just stumbled across the W/VE Islands contest info for this weekend. Some of these may come under the state/provincial/national parks criteria for us as well.
A good chance to get some two-fer contacts or activate some new ones for both our groups.
US Islands Awards Group: <http://www.usislands.org/>
Canadian Islands Awards Program: <http://www.qsl.net/ve3tpz/cisa/>

I guess I've got to patch up the canoe,
see you on the air,
Barclay/wu1b

383. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-22 20:48:00 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 383

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /umstead_sp_nc_oct_2010_activate_log_n4ex.xls
Uploaded by : rhomolya <rhomolya@...>
Description : Umstead State Park, NC - N4EX 21Oct 2010 Activation Log

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/umstead_sp_nc_oct_2010_activate_log_n4ex.x
ls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

rhomolya <rhomolya@...>

384. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-22 21:11:46 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 384

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NorthCarolinaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : North Carolina State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NorthCarolinaStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

385. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-22 21:12:24 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 385

Rich,

Congratsulations on your outting.
You can see your efforts on the NC State list:
http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/UPvBTJExUdcC8Zl79ATN5ommlKpTvBCXOPillCNgbI7bvGd-QEDKRSAdpuy83YEHKKVT94g6oinkizopqRfjyOJXx0U/NorthCarolinaStateParks.xls

73,

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

--- On Fri, 10/22/10, p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

From: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Friday, October 22, 2010, 4:48 PM

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /umstead_sp_nc_oct_2010_activate_log_n4ex.xls
Uploaded by : rhomolya <rhomolya@...>
Description : Umstead State Park, NC - N4EX 21Oct 2010 Activation Log

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/umstead_sp_nc_oct_2010_activate_log_n4ex.xls

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Regards,

rhomolya <rhomolya@...>

386. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Corrected Link

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-22 21:19:38 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 386

http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/UPvBTJ_uurwC8Zl7VMNCtTCXEEkwSg8vKTNT0halHLrymkwHDg-cpM9_Zucry
lfjAsSZbO7lr6WR4dA8x6vPesc-aeM/NorthCarolinaStateParks.xls

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--- On Fri, 10/22/10, Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...m> wrote:

From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Friday, October 22, 2010, 5:12 PM

Rich,

Congratsulations on your outting.
You can see your efforts on the NC State list:
http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/UPvBTJExUdcC8Zl79ATN5ommlKpTvBCXOPillCNgbI7bvGd-QEDKRSAdpuy83
YEHKKVT94g6oinkizopqRfjyOJXx0U/NorthCarolinaStateParks.xls

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Regards,

rhomolya <rhomolya@...>

387. Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson State Park on Cape Cod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 01:12:42 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 387 Message: 387

Hi Folks,

I'll be heading out to activate Nickerson State Park tomorrow for the first time. I'm hoping to set up around 1400 UTC. I'll be operating QRP -- CW, and if I feel really frisky, maybe some SSB. I will spot myself (no pun intended) on QRPSPOTS (via my Blackberry) when I get things cranked up...

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

388. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson State Park on Cape Cod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 01:17:10 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 387 Message: 388

Will look for you from Sleeping Giant Prov Park Peter. Looks like 3 of us
are going out for some "QRP to the field" VE3VAI, VE3XT and
myself....Calling for 40% chance of rain and a hight of 9C....

Look for you tomorrow.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Fri, 22 Oct 2010 21:12:42 -0400
"Peter N. Spotts" <w1pns@...> wrote:
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

389. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 01:31:23 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 387 Message: 389

Roger that; I'll be wearing my woolies!

Pete
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

-----Original Message-----
From: "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@tbaytel.net>
Sender: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Fri, 22 Oct 2010 21:17:10
To: <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Reply-To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson State Park on Cape Cod

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390. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 01:37:15 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 387 Message: 390

Peter,

What two parks have you activated with NR's USMA001 and USMA002...?

I will update the Mass. file

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Fri, 10/22/10, w1pns@... <w1pns@...> wrote:

From: w1pns@comcast.net <w1pns@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Friday, October 22, 2010, 9:31 PM

Roger that; I'll be wearing my woolies!

Pete
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...>
Sender: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Fri, 22 Oct 2010 21:17:10 -0400
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
ReplyTo: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson State Park on Cape Cod

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391. Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 03:19:09 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 391 Message: 391

Hi,

I am going to be out hiking and operating from a park tommorow - Gatineau Park in Quebec (near Ottawa). I expect to be on the air from ~2100Z to ~0000Z on 20m, 30m and 40m CW (~14.06, ~10.117, ~7.04).

I will post my frequency at http://qrpspots.com and I will have my APRS tracker along:

http://aprs.fi/?call=a%2FVA3SIE-7&&mt=terrain

Hope to hear some of you other Park ops!

73
Martin.
VA3SIE.

392. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 10:30:17 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 387 Message: 392

On Fri, 2010-10-22 at 18:37 -0700, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
>
> Peter,
>
> What two parks have you activated with NR's USMA001 and USMA002...?
>
> I will update the Mass. file
>
> Kyle N4NSS
>
> --- On Fri, 10/22/10, w1pns@... <w1pns@...> wrote:
>
>

Hi Kyle,

I've activated Hopkinton and Borderland State Parks, in that order. See "Massachusetts State Park Activation Log.xls" in the file section for details. Have you volunteered to become group scribe? If so, bless your pea-pickin' little heart! ;-) Let me know when you've made your entries and I'll delete my activation-log file. One less file to clutter the section!

With best regards,

Pete
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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

393. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod (PS)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 10:36:31 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 387 Message: 393

On Fri, 2010-10-22 at 18:37 -0700, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
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> Peter,
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> What two parks have you activated with NR's USMA001 and USMA002...?
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> Kyle N4NSS
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> --- On Fri, 10/22/10, w1pns@... <w1pns@...> wrote:
>
>

Hi Kyle,

And the contacts themselves appear on sheet two of the activation spreadsheet...

With best regards,

Pete
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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

394. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 12:40:25 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 394

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ActivationLogs
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : About Activation Logs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ActivationLogs

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

395. Sleeping Giant Prov Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 14:02:09 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 395 Message: 395

Just getting ready to head out the door , it is 1400z, will be on the air by 1600z.....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES

396. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 14:03:16 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 387 Message: 396

Did not even have to peel the finger nails off this one before he gave in huh Pete???
I was just getting used to the screamin' and kickin'..LOL

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Peter N. Spotts
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2010 6:30 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod

On Fri, 2010-10-22 at 18:37 -0700, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
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> Peter,
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> What two parks have you activated with NR's USMA001 and USMA002...?
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> I will update the Mass. file
>
> Kyle N4NSS
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> --- On Fri, 10/22/10, w1pns@... <w1pns@comcast.net> wrote:
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>

Hi Kyle,

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"Massachusetts State Park Activation Log.xls" in the file section for
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pea-pickin' little heart! ;-) Let me know when you've made your
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397. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 14:42:33 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 397

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /IndianaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Indiana State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/IndianaStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

398. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 15:55:20 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 398

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /KentuckyStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Kentucky State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/KentuckyStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

399. wb3aal / appalacian

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 16:20:18 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 399 Message: 399

hey ron... twas me that you copied..

my cw not very good so I was using HRD to send/receive.

I was able to pick most of it up by ear, but you was very weak audiably but a solid s5 on the meter when the qrm and qsb let you through.

congrats on the call, you made it all the way to daytona beach florida...

charlie
ai4ri

400. Re: [p_o_t_a_] wb3aal / appalacian

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 16:30:06 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 399 Message: 400

we was tweeted btw too

RT @QRPSPOTS via @WA8REI: (http://qrpspots.com) WB3AAL 14.060 10/23 15:56Z
in QSO w/ AI4RI @ 1652 UTC - no cpy in MI #hamr

but i dunno if that was you who posted that...

charlie
ai4ri

401. Nickerson State Park is in the bag

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 21:34:32 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 401 Message: 401

Great day, tho fist got kinda weird as chill finally cut thru the layers. Many thanks to REI and AAL for sum grt signals! Pac 12 antenna didn't hold a candle to my wire vert up a 31 foot pole!

Log later!

Pete
W1PNS
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

402. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Prov Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 22:03:54 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 395 Message: 402

Ok, Sleeping Giant provincial park should now be CAON003...
Lori VE3VAI, Bill VE3XT and myself were able to make a contact on almost all bands today running all qrp batery powered from the Thunder Bay Lookout. I see my posts did go by way of APRS messenger to QRP Spots , I did not get a ack or anything that showed it made it. Guess I need to work on that one, anywas that was using 30 meters, a wire 15' in a tree, my D600 Dell computer and 5 watts....

Thanks Lori and Bill, I will post the activation log and pictures to the site...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: VE3FAL
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:02 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Prov Park

Just getting ready to head out the door , it is 1400z, will be on the air by 1600z.....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES

403. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Prov Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-23 22:12:28 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 395 Message: 403

I think we ended up with 17 qso's total, played with an emergency portable repeater while at the lookout, used WL2K portable QRP and I worked Ron PB#1 WB3AAL as well, what a great day.....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: VE3FAL
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2010 6:03 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Prov Park

Ok, Sleeping Giant provincial park should now be CAON003...
Lori VE3VAI, Bill VE3XT and myself were able to make a contact on almost all bands today running all qrp batery powered from the Thunder Bay Lookout. I see my posts did go by way of APRS messenger to QRP Spots , I did not get a ack or anything that showed it made it. Guess I need to work on that one, anywas that was using 30 meters, a wire 15' in a tree, my D600 Dell computer and 5 watts....

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Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: VE3FAL
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:02 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Prov Park

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Fred
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404. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Heading out 10/23 to activate Nickerson StatePark on Cape Cod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 00:44:54 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 387 Message: 404

On Sat, 2010-10-23 at 10:03 -0400, VE3FAL wrote:
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> □
>
> Did not even have to peel the finger nails off this one before he gave
> in huh Pete???
> I was just getting used to the screamin' and kickin'..LOL
>
> Fred

Yeah, don't you love it when that happens?

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

405. Activation information for USMA003 -- Nickerson State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 02:09:31 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 405 Message: 405

Park Name: Nickerson State Park
Date Activated: 10/23/2010
By: Pete Spotts
Callsign(s): W1PNS
Contacts:

17:58 14.049.10 VE6JAZ 599/459 Rob Calgary
18:14 14.060.69 N9BPE 559/449 Carl IL
18:42 28.055.02 WA5RNV 599/599 Ivan TX
19:02 14.059.93 DJ5RE 449/449 Tom Germany
19:31 10.113.71 RZ3EM 589/559 Andy Russia
20:02 14.060.50 WA8REI 589/559 Ken MI
20:42 10.116.49 WB3AAL 579/569 Ron PA

Ron was on the Appalachian Trail today...nice to connect with another fresh-air ham! I head VE3FAL early on on 20m (I'd have given him a 229); but I was having antenna problems, and by the time I'd swapped sky hooks, he was long gone.

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

406. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activation information for USMA003 -- Nickerson State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 02:15:06 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 405 Message: 406

Mode for all Nickerson contacts was CW...

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

407. A brief recap of a day at Nickerson State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 04:19:16 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 407 Message: 407

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2010/10/23/crisp-fall-day-a-qrp-radio-and-usma003-is-in-the-bag/

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

408. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activation information for USMA003 -- Nickerson State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 11:19:12 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 405 Message: 408

On 10/23/2010 22:09, Peter N. Spotts wrote:

> Ron was on the Appalachian Trail today...nice to connect with another
> fresh-air ham! I head VE3FAL early on on 20m (I'd have given him a 229);
> but I was having antenna problems, and by the time I'd swapped sky
> hooks, he was long gone.

sounds like everyone heard Ron yesterday lol

charlie
ai4ri

409. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 12:45:50 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 409

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ActivationaLogs/Massachusetts State Park Activation Log.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Massachusetts State Park Activation Log

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ActivationaLogs/Massachusetts%20State%20Park%20Activation%20Log.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

410. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 16:27:50 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 410

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /TexasStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Texas State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/TexasStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

411. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 16:09:40 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 411

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MO STATE PARKS.xls
Uploaded by : john_kc2jo <k0qh@...>
Description : List of MO State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MO%20STATE%20PARKS.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

john_kc2jo <k0qh@...>

412. Findley Ohio State Park Activation...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 22:04:20 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 412 Message: 412

Howdy gang, pencil me in for the Findley Ohio State Park for the ARRL January VHF Contest 2011, Saturday the 22nd only... 6 Meters ONLY of course... Only unknown is the weather... If there's a blizzard, ALL BETS ARE OFF... But since Findley Ohio State Park is just "down the road" from me, this should be easy... I called the Park, they say they'll be open... But January and Febuary can be BRUTAL up here at times...

Kenwood TS-60, 90W to a PAR OA-50 @ 13.5ft... 50.125-50.140 USB... Since the Park is in EN81, I'll be N8OFS/R... I'll be home in EN91 to finish the Contest on Sunday... QSL N8OFS/P, eQSL STRONGLY PREFERED, direct with LARGE SASE is good, direct without SASE OK (but you may hafta wait a bit for a return QSL Card)...

PeAcE...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death!!!

413. Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-24 22:28:01 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 391 Message: 413

Hi,

I know there's no listing of Quebec Parks yet but yesterday while Fred was at the sleeping giant park, I went for a hike to play radio from King Mountain up on the Eardley Escarpment in Gatineau Park.

I added an entry to my blog with a video in it:

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=650

If my blog goes haywire again here's the direct link on youtube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zk1nfv3czGM&hd=1

Enjoy!

Fred: Sorry we never managed to complete a Park <-> Park QSO yesterday. Maybe next time!

73
Martin.
VA3SIE/P.

414. Martin and Mike (Rideau Park Logs)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-25 12:48:12 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 414 Message: 414

I know the information is on your blogs somewhere but could you guys send me a copy of your logged qso's from Rideau Park Activation so I can update the page with the logs. All would be nice please, not just the 5 qualifying qso's.

Cheers

Fred
VE3FAL

415. Indiana Activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-25 13:26:29 UTC
From: wb9rim
Topic: 415 Message: 415

I was looking at the Indiana activations and there needs to be a correction made Dennis activated Harmonie SP USIN001 a week before Shakamak SP USIN002.
Just trying to help keep things in order
Danny
WB9RIM

416. Website (was Martin and Mike (Rideau Park Logs))

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-25 14:40:03 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 414 Message: 416

as an aside... do we have a working web page now?

417. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Website (was Martin and Mike (Rideau Park Logs))

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-25 15:56:38 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 414 Message: 417

Not yet, I have not heard from Jeff yet.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Mon, 25 Oct 2010 10:40:03 -0400
"Charles \"AI4RI\" Blackburn" <ai4ri@...> wrote:
as an aside... do we have a working web page now?

418. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Indiana Activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-25 17:48:48 UTC
From: Dennis Martin
Topic: 415 Message: 418

Danny,
Seems like all kinds of files floating around to keep track of activations and duplicate park listings.
Thanks for trying to straighten this out, but you're right, Harmonie came first then Shakamak.
Dennis

From: wb9rim <grailknight_2@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, October 25, 2010 8:26:29 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Indiana Activations

I was looking at the Indiana activations and there needs to be a correction made
Dennis activated Harmonie SP USIN001 a week before Shakamak SP USIN002.
Just trying to help keep things in order
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419. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Indiana Activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-25 18:47:28 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 415 Message: 419

When I get home I will make the corrections.

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Mon, 10/25/10, Dennis Martin <wa2usa@...> wrote:

From: Dennis Martin <wa2usa@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Indiana Activations
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Monday, October 25, 2010, 1:48 PM

Danny,
Seems like all kinds of files floating around to keep track of activations and duplicate park listings.
Thanks for trying to straighten this out, but you're right, Harmonie came first then Shakamak.
Dennis

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Sent: Mon, October 25, 2010 8:26:29 AM
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WB9RIM

420. Activation Logs

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-25 19:44:24 UTC
From: wa2usa
Topic: 420 Message: 420

Kyle N4NSS,
Please leave my activation logs in the root directory.
They are fine right where they are for the time being.
This way if I have to make changes I can find them in
one spot.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours,

Dennis - WA2USA

421. Re: Sleeping Giant Prov Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 00:28:27 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 395 Message: 421

Fred :

I happened to be tuning around 40m looking for Polar Bears and heard Bill calling CQ (I recognized his call and remembered from your posting that he was going to be operating with you). It was great to be able to contribute a QSO to the activation of Sleeping Giant Prov. Park.

Bill had a great signal into my cottage, about 45 km NW of Ottawa.

Michael VE3WMB / VA2NB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
> I think we ended up with 17 qso's total, played with an emergency portable repeater while at the lookout, used WL2K portable QRP and I worked Ron PB#1 WB3AAL as well, what a great day.....
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> Fred
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: VE3FAL
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2010 6:03 PM
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Prov Park
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>
>
> Ok, Sleeping Giant provincial park should now be CAON003...
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> DEC Amethyst District ARES
> ----- Original Message -----
> From: VE3FAL
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Saturday, October 23, 2010 10:02 AM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Sleeping Giant Prov Park
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> Fred
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
>

422. Re: Martin and Mike (Rideau Park Logs)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 00:53:56 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 414 Message: 422

Here are my QSOs, Fred.

Date Time Callsign Band Name Location RST (in) RST (out) Exchange/Notes
18 Sept 0000Z K7GB 20m George WY 559 559 Quick exchange, George was in the Salmon Run conest.
18 Sept 0100Z KC8IOC 20m Jeff Dayton, OH 599 599 QSB & QRN made for a short QSO :-(
18 Sept 1310Z LN5O² 20m Snertingdal, Norway 599 599 599 080 ☐ Ringsjen Contest Club in the SAC contest.
18 Sept 1355Z SM0DZB² 20m Tore Stockholm, Sweden 599 599 599 090 ☐ SAC contest.
18 Sept 1530Z VA2BBW*¹ 40m Ante Eardley Escarpment, QC 559 559 5W QRM made copy very tough, but Ante is a Polar Bear.
18 Sept 1730Z K2GTC 40m Charles NYC, NY 589 599 Cool ☐ antenna is working at beach location.
18 Sept 1756Z WA2WUH¹ 40m Jim Logan, NJ 559 599 100W Jim commented my 2W doing FB job.
18 Sept 1800Z WA8REI/P*¹ 40m Ken Wagon Wheel hill, MI 579 599 5W FT-817 Tested balun out of line, better without.
18 Sept 1848Z W7DG 20m Cow, WA 599 559 Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association in the SR.
18 Sept 1853Z AF4O*¹ 20m Chuck Chickasaw Forest, TN 539 559 5W Short QSO as signals were pretty weak.
18 Sept 1911Z AC0SR¹ 20m Pat Springfield, MO 589 579 Pat running 5W from an Alinco DX-70 to a dipole.
18 Sept 1915Z K4UPG*¹ 20m Kelly Florida 549 579 Some QSB, 3W 88′ doublet to 88′ doublet :-)
18 Sept 1947Z N4BP¹ 20m Bob Florida 559 559 559 FL 5W ☐ contest exchange for QRP Afield.
18 Sept 1951Z KB1PBA¹ 40m Pete Westford, MA 569 559 569 MA NR 728 for QRP Afield.
18 Sept 1955Z K1BV 40m 599 599 Hmm, not sure ☐ log book too scratchy.
18 Sept 2008Z K4AHO¹ 20m Jim Orlando, FL 569 569 5W exchanged for QRP Afield.
18 Sept 2012Z WA5BDU¹ 20m Nick Russellville, AR 559 559 5W exchanged for QRP Afield.
18 Sept 2312Z KD2JC¹ 80m Joe Howell, NJ 559 559 559 NJ 721 exchanged for QRP Afield.
19 Sept 0325Z OM5OA 30m Jozo Slovak Republic 579 599 Wow! DX on 30m with 2W cool!
19 Sept 0338Z F5FAB/P 30m Serge Orru Millau, NW France 549 599 QSB, not sure I copied QTH well enough.
19 Sept 1400Z VE3JW
VE3GX
VE3LC
VE3XRA
VA3QV
VA3TJP
VE3YY
VE3EMB 80m Patrick
Ed
Norm
Glenn
Bob
Mike
Frank
Michel Ontario, Canada. Weak 5/5
5/5
5/9++
5/9
5/6

5/9++
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5/7 80m pot hole net. Slow QSB. Mike relayed me in.
19 Sept 1500Z VE3CGO
VA3TJP 80m Doreen
Mike Ontario, Canada. Weak 5/5 80m pot lid net. Slow QSB. Mike relayed me in.
19 Sept 1630Z KC9ICT 40m Eric Lafayette, IN 459 599 5W from an OHR-400 to a dipole.
19 Sept 1700Z HA7UG 20m Laci Nyaregyhaza, Hungary 449 569 Nice QSO with Laci, needed some repeats due to QSB.
19 Sept 1730Z DJ5RE/QRP 20m Thomas Kuemmersbruck, GMNY 449 569 Some QSB, but 2 X QRP to EU nice!

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423. Re: Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 00:55:42 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 391 Message: 423

Hi, Fred.

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Does that count as a POTA activation?

- Martin.

424. New York State Campgrounds

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 01:28:35 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 424 Message: 424

In New york there are "State Parks" (some of which offer camping) and "State Historic Sites" administered by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). I have previously provided a list of state parks and historic sites to this group.

But there are also "State Campgrounds" in the Adirondacks and Catskills which are administered by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Although they are called "Campgrounds" instead of "Parks" by the DEC, they are in fact not significaltly different than the OPHRP "Parks." They have day use fees, just like the other parks, for people who want to access the beaches, picnic areas, or other facilities, etc. In fact in the Adirondacks, the campgrounds are the de facto parks because there are basicaly no OHPRP "Parks" in the Adirondacks.

The state calls the entire regions the "Adirondack Park" and "Catskill Park" , but in fact both regions are a mix of private and state land. Since the state calls the Adirondacks and Catskills "Parks" then maybe operation from anywhere in them should count as a park activation.

But in any case, I would like to suggest that the NYSDEC campgrounds be included in the list of NYS Parks. It would make sense because a state campground/park is an ideal place for someone to go camp and do some hamming; and also for anyone living in the Adirondacks or Catskills, it may be a long way to a OHPRP "Park."

Here is a listing of the NY state campgrounds from
http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7825.html
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7825.html>

Catskills:
Bear Spring Mountain
Beaverkill
Devil's Tombstone
Kenneth L. Wilson
Little Pond
Mongaup Pond
North-South Lake
Woodland Valley

Adirondacks:
Alger Island
Ausable Point
Brown Tract Pond
Buck Pond
Caroga Lake

Cranberry Lake
Crown Point
Eagle Point
Eighth Lake
Fish Creek Pond
Forked Lake
Golden Beach
Hearthstone Point
Indian Lake Islands
Lake Durant
Lake Eaton
Lake George Battleground
Lake George Islands
Lake Harris
Lewey Lake
Limekiln Lake
Lincoln Pond
Little Sand Point
Luzerne
Meacham Lake
Meadowbrook
Moffitt Beach
Nicks Lake
Northampton Beach
Paradox Lake
Point Comfort
Poplar Point
Putnam Pond
Rogers Rock
Rollins Pond
Sacandaga
Saranac Lake Islands
Sharp Bridge
Taylor Pond
Tioga Point
Wilmington Notch

73, KC2WI

426. Re: Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 10:24:27 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 391 Message: 426

Martin:
I can find listings for National Parks in Quebec, but knowing how things are a bit different in that Province I cant find a actual Provincial listing of parks yet. It does class Gatineau as a Provincial Park though from what I do see and find. I will search more for a good listing of Parks.

Fred
VE3FAL

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427. Re: Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 10:27:25 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 391 Message: 427

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Although advocated by Dominion Parks Commissioner James Harkin to be the first national park outside the Rocky Mountains, it remains the only federal park that is not a national park,[2][3] a situation that has direct repercussions on its ecology, boundaries, and land mass.

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428. Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 14:24:14 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 428 Message: 428

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Thanks
Fred VE3FAL

List owner/moderator

429. Re: Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 14:34:23 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 391 Message: 429

Fred :

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show up in the list of Quebec Provincial Parks but it is also not officially a National Park
so it doesn't show up in that list either.

My suggestion is that this one be treated as an exception and included with the list of Canadian National Parks for the purposes of POTA.

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430. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 14:43:41 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 391 Message: 430

I read that Parks in Quebec are thought as National Parks.....
Kind of an odd thing, but there are few things that differ in QC then many
of the other Provinces.

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
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431. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 14:43:47 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 428 Message: 431

On 10/26/2010 10:24, fred wrote:
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ya i do.. ill see what I can come up with on the weekend

charlie
ai4ri

432. Re: Martin and Mike (Rideau Park Logs)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 14:46:06 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 414 Message: 432

Here is my log for Rideau River Provincial Park activation back in September :

Sept 17, 2010

23:30-UTC 7.058 CW N1PVP S599 R569 Marino in Carver, MA

Sept 18, 2010

15:10-UTC 7.030 CW KD2JC S599 R559 QRP Afield
15:15 -UTC 7.033 CW VA2BBW/P S539 R339 ANTE Polar Bear #219
16:15-UTC 7.034 CW WA8REI/P S559 R569 Ken Polar Bear #21

Sept 19, 2010

16:30-UTC 18.072 CW OE3GCU S589 R559 Gun in Austria

Michael VE3WMB / VA2NB

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 14:47:06 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 391 Message: 433

To me it fits and falls under National Parks:??????????????????

Description as per Government of Canada:
Gatineau Park is an outstanding feature of Canada’s Capital Region. It is the NCC’s largest single property and is one of the oldest for which the NCC is responsible today. Most large natural parks in Canada belong either to the provinces or to Parks Canada (a federal body). Gatineau Park is the only federal park that does not belong to Parks Canada. It is managed by the NCC under the National Capital Act as an important contributor to the symbolism of the Capital.

Fred
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434. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 15:36:34 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 428 Message: 434

Oh Oh .. I didn't follow the instructions .... I posted my idea to the Photos section as a JPG image in the folder "VE3WMB POTA Logo idea" It is "quick and dirty" but the intent is just to convey the idea.

Michael VE3WMB

P.S. The image that I used is in the public domain (i.e no copyright)

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435. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 16:15:24 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 428 Message: 435

> Gang we are searching for a logo or logo idea for our webpage and other
> ideas like awards etc....
>
It should probably have a Picnic Table somewhere in the PIC... When I
think of Parks, I think of Picnic Tables... Mabey it's just me...

> Thanks
> Fred VE3FAL
>
Andy N8OFS GOT6???
(activating Findley Ohio State Park for the ARRL January VHF Contest)

436. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 16:32:18 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 428 Message: 436

Looks good, I remember seeing one like that for another group but it had a tent and a wire going out of the tent. Same types of colours etc....

Fred
VE3FAL

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437. KC2WI - Whetstone Gulf NY St. Park Oct 26

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 17:08:26 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 437 Message: 437

Whetstone Gulf State Park Tuesday Oct 26, after 1800Z. Standard HFPack frequencies 7296, 14.342.5/14.346, 18.157.5 +/-QRM. May also be checking in to ECARS on 7255.
KC2WI

439. Re: KC2WI - Whetstone Gulf NY St. Park Oct 26

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 21:45:30 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 437 Message: 439

I did not get to my operating spot on the North Rim Trail until about 1940Z.

I heard a couple of stations on 7296 at about 1955Z with decent signal strength but all of a sudden there was S9 QRM from some DRM broadcast station. All I got was one name - Joe. Thanks for trying.

7185.5 was relatively clear so I called there but no answers.

Then I tried 20M and heard WA4RG but he had high QRN at his location. I did not hear any other stations. I tried 17M but did not have any luck.

The wx was deteriorating so I packed up before everything got wet.

Thanks to those stations who tried to get back to me.

If we get another decent dry day before winter sets in I will try again. Tomorrow afternoon is forecast to be clear although much colder. If I get a few hours between jobs I will try to get back to the same location again.

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "kc2wi.afa2cq" <kc2wi.afa2cq@...> wrote:
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440. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-26 23:22:40 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 428 Message: 440

On Tue, 2010-10-26 at 14:24 +0000, fred wrote:
>
> Gang we are searching for a logo or logo idea for our webpage and
> other ideas like awards etc....
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> us?

Ok, fun devils, I've just posted a logo candidate to the photos section
of the Yahoo group. Don't laugh too hard!

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

441. Logo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:08:11 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 441 Message: 441

Ok just for giggles and shegrins I threw in what I remember seeing..

Fred
VE3FAL

442. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:17:32 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 428 Message: 442

Hopefully Michael VE3WMB won't mind but I added a little flare to his design. Being a stamp collector as well as a ham nerd I'm always looking to merge the hobbies. And when I saw his the first thing I thought of was that'd make a cool stamp. Here's the link to Micheals gallery with my addition to an already cool logo:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/72\
3564760/view
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/7\
23564760/view>

73,
Jay aka KD8EUR

443. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:21:46 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 428 Message: 443

Fred,

The latest ones with the tent? Fill up the sky to the left with POTA,
then spell it out across the grass on the bottom. Less dead space that
way. That will be a contendah! ;-)

Pete

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444. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:29:42 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 428 Message: 444

On Tue, 2010-10-26 at 20:21 -0400, Peter N. Spotts wrote:
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> Pete

Just posted it in the photo section...

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445. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:33:00 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 428 Message: 445

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Nice effect!

Pete

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446. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:37:15 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 428 Message: 446

That looks really good Pete, what a difference with the words spread out...

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Peter N. Spotts" <w1pns@...> wrote:
>
> On Tue, 2010-10-26 at 20:21 -0400, Peter N. Spotts wrote:
> >
> >
> > Fred,
> >
> > The latest ones with the tent? Fill up the sky to the left with POTA,
> > then spell it out across the grass on the bottom. Less dead space that
> > way. That will be a contendah! ;-)
> >
> > Pete
>
> Just posted it in the photo section...
>
> Pete
>
>
> --
> Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
> http://www.w1pns.net
> Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
> QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
> NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147
>

447. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:38:23 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 428 Message: 447

I like the round logo, nice buddipole....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 10:43 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo search for POTA

On 10/26/2010 10:24, fred wrote:
> Gang we are searching for a logo or logo idea for our webpage and other ideas like awards etc....
> Do you have any ideas rolling around in your head that might work for us?
> If so can you please forward those ideas to myself who will then forward them to the other guys, and then we can post them and have a vote and see who's logo best suits our needs.

ya i do.. ill see what I can come up with on the weekend

charlie
ai4ri

448. logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:39:10 UTC
From: AI4RI
Topic: 448 Message: 448

i've uploaded a logo idea that y'all can use.... maybe....

http://bit.ly/bmZe5C

it's in the "ai4ri" album. i've also uploaded a couple of funnies that i thought y'all might like.

the photograph of the buddie-pole style dipole (homebrew) is 100% copyright free for use in the group.... I took it :P

if someone can do a better version using that photo it would be nice. i'd like to do a couple of stickers for my gear based on it.

if y'all want the original photoshop psd, email me off list.

charlie
ai4ri

449. oops i forgot to mention

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:40:35 UTC
From: AI4RI
Topic: 449 Message: 449

i have more pictures of park activations (our local wednesday park club thing) if y'all want to take a look, ill put them up on my website.

again I own all those photo's, all i ask is credit where it's due and it's sole use is for PoTA

charlie

450. Re: [p_o_t_a_] logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 00:49:28 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 448 Message: 450

On Wed, 2010-10-27 at 00:39 +0000, AI4RI wrote:
>
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>
> http://bit.ly/bmZe5C

Charlie,

That looks cool -- can you gin up a version with the text a forest
green?

With best regards,

Pete

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451. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 01:56:32 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 428 Message: 451

I like it ... Jay it looks great .. nice addition !

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "dighsx" <dighsx@...> wrote:
>
> Hopefully Michael VE3WMB won't mind but I added a little flare to his
> design. Being a stamp collector as well as a ham nerd I'm always
> looking to merge the hobbies. And when I saw his the first thing I
> thought of was that'd make a cool stamp. Here's the link to Micheals
> gallery with my addition to an already cool logo:
> http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/72\
> 3564760/view
> <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/7\
> 23564760/view>
>
> 73,
> Jay aka KD8EUR
>

452. Re: Saturday Evening Gatineau Park hilke for PBMME

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 03:01:16 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 391 Message: 452

Hi, Fred/Michael.

> To me it fits and falls under National Parks

Thanks muchly guys for your investigations here.

If it does count then here is my log for Saturday 23rd October:

2150Z 20m N0EVH 144 (12 Squared Bear) 459 (QSB) John was out in his /M along the Missouri River.
2200Z 40m WA8REI 21 (Blackjack Bear) 579 Ken was in the Den (Teddy Bear).
2230Z 40m VE2JCW 241 (Jean) 589 Looking forward to doing a SOTA hike with Jean.
2245Z 40m VA3CMD 143 (Patrick) 599 (QRM) In his /M in Ottawa, 2.5W from an FT-817 to a Huslter.
2320Z 40m N9SKN 126 (Aaron) 579 I was logging by the light of the full moon by this point!
2330Z 40m VA2NB 19 (Dapper Bear) 589 (Flutter) Polar flutter on Michael's signal (Groundwave?)
2345Z 40m KB3CXQ Shaun 579 (QRN) Monongahela Forest.
0045Z 40m NI9Y 218 (Dan) 589 (QRN) Dan was in Mishawaka, Indiana.

Thanks!
Martin.

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
> To me it fits and falls under National Parks:??????????????????
>
> Description as per Government of Canada:
> Gatineau Park is an outstanding feature of Canadaâ□□s Capital Region. It is
> the NCCâ□□s largest single property and is one of the oldest for which the NCC
> is responsible today. Most large natural parks in Canada belong either to
> the provinces or to Parks Canada (a federal body). Gatineau Park is the only
> federal park that does not belong to Parks Canada. It is managed by the NCC
> under the National Capital Act as an important contributor to the symbolism
> of the Capital.
>
>
> Fred
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
>
> On Tue, 26 Oct 2010 10:43:41 -0400
> "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:

> I read that Parks in Quebec are thought as National Parks.....
> Kind of an odd thing, but there are few things that differ in QC then many
> of the other Provinces.
>
>
> Fred
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
>
> On Tue, 26 Oct 2010 14:34:23 -0000
> "ve3wmb" <mbabineau@...> wrote:
> Fred :
>
> I raised this issue with Gatineau Park earlier. It is federally
> administered
> (NCC) so it doesn't
> show up in the list of Quebec Provincial Parks but it is also not
> officially
> a National Park
> so it doesn't show up in that list either.
>
> My suggestion is that this one be treated as an exception and included
> with
> the list of Canadian National Parks for the purposes of POTA.
>
> Michael VE3WMB
>
>
> --- In p_o_t_a_@..., "fred" <ve3fal@> wrote:
> >
> > Gatineau Park (French: parc de la Gatineau) is located in Quebec's Outaouais
> >region, just north of Ottawa, Ontario. Administered by the National Capital
> >Commission, the park is a 363 kmÂ² wedge of land to the west of the Gatineau
> >River. With a circumference of 179.2 km, the park includes parts of the
> >municipalities of Chelsea, Pontiac, La PÃªche, and the City of Gatineau.
> >
> > Although advocated by Dominion Parks Commissioner James Harkin to be the
> >first national park outside the Rocky Mountains, it remains the only federal
> >park that is not a national park,[2][3] a situation that has direct
> >repercussions on its ecology, boundaries, and land mass.
> >
> > Fred
> > VE3FAL
> >
> > --- In p_o_t_a_@..., "martingillen" <va3sie@> wrote:
> > >

> > > Hi, Fred.
> > >
> > > I made some QSOs at the weekend from Gatineau Park in Gatineau, QC.
> > >
> > > Does that count as a POTA activation?
> > >
> > > - Martin.
> > >
> >
>

453. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 11:32:17 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 428 Message: 453

Added a tent to the VE3WMB logo
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/24\
6902671/view
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/2\
46902671/view>

Thought about putting a 20m beam in there too but that might be over
doing it a bit. haha

73,
Jay aka KD8EUR

454. Re: [p_o_t_a_] logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 11:33:32 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 448 Message: 454

sure.... ill try at it tonight...

but i would like someone who's better at graphics to do something
with the text...

charlie
ai4ri

> Charlie,
>
> That looks cool -- can you gin up a version with the text a forest
> green?
>
> With best regards,
>
> Pete
>
>

455. Whetsone Gulf NYSP Oct 27 1645Z

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 13:31:39 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 455 Message: 455

OK, I'm going to try this again...
Barring some last-minute emergency service call, I'll be at Whetstone Gulf State Park on the North Rim Trail today, Wednesday 27.
I hope to arrive at approximately 1645Z and operate for a couple of hours.
Standard HFPack frequencies 7296, 14.342.5/14.346, 18.157.5, +/-QRM.
May try higher bands if open.
Will probably also check in to ECARS on 7255.
703+, end-fed wire antenna
KC2WI

456. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-27 14:35:09 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 428 Message: 456

In my ongoing effort to avoid doing actual work I've created another
logo.
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/234606395/pic/362\
364453/view
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/234606395/pic/36\
2364453/view>

All the text can be changed, I was just tying to come up with something
simi-comic bookish.

Jay aka KD8EUR

457. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 01:33:10 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 428 Message: 457

I like what you've done. It's similar to what I had envisioned - something with a pine tree with radio signals emitting from it...

73, Brian WB9QVR

From: dighsx <dighsx@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tue, October 26, 2010 7:17:32 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Logo search for POTA

Hopefully Michael VE3WMB won't mind but I added a little flare to his design. Being a stamp collector as well as a ham nerd I'm always looking to merge the hobbies. And when I saw his the first thing I thought of was that'd make a cool stamp. Here's the link to Micheals gallery with my addition to an already cool logo:http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/723564760/view

73,
Jay aka KD8EUR

458. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 01:34:22 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 428 Message: 458

I like the addition of the tent with the antenna!

73, Brian WB9QVR

From: dighsx <dighsx@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Wed, October 27, 2010 6:32:17 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Logo search for POTA

Added a tent to the VE3WMB logo
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/246902671/view

Thought about putting a 20m beam in there too but that might be over doing it a bit. haha

73,
Jay aka KD8EUR

459. Re: Whetsone Gulf NYSP Oct 27 1645Z

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 03:40:26 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 455 Message: 459

KC2WI LOG Wed OCt. 27 HFPack Portable Whetstone Gulf State Park,
Martinsburg, Lewis County, NY North Rim Gorge Trail IC 703+, 7AH
Gel-cell, 1/4 wave inverted L wire 40M; 3/4 wave inverted L 20M Time
Freq Call SigRpt Name/Location/notes (Z) kHz S R 1755 7255
K3YUB 59 58 Al N3OD 59 57 Lou Poconos 1800 7265 WB1FPA 59 58 Tom
Southern NH KN8I 59 59 Larry mobile Detroit N9YI 59 57 Ron 1838
14336 ND9M 59 55 Douglas Cty MN mobile 1855 14255 6V7T 59 57 Luk Senegal
3el beam 2015 7296 WB4WCJ 59 51 Paul WB4ETT 59 57 Bob PRC-174

460. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Whetsone Gulf NYSP Oct 27 1645Z

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 09:16:47 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 455 Message: 460

Some nice qso's there, any snow in the Park?

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 11:40 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Whetsone Gulf NYSP Oct 27 1645Z

KC2WI LOG Wed OCt. 27 HFPack Portable
Whetstone Gulf State Park, Martinsburg, Lewis County, NY
North Rim Gorge Trail

IC 703+, 7AH Gel-cell,
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461. Re: logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 12:27:00 UTC
From: Ernest
Topic: 448 Message: 461

So far all the graphics for the logo have been pretty good, with the exeption of "doing it naturally in the woods!"

This would be an acceptable logo WITHOUT the sexual conotation!

This kind of thing has no business in ham radio.

de AA1IK

Ernest Gregoire

Geezer in the park

462. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 12:31:39 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 448 Message: 462

There was absolutely NO SEXUAL CONNOTATION to it when it was put on there.
That was the furthest thing from my mind, it was strictly meaning and
operating where it is natural which included battery power/portable etc....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Thu, 28 Oct 2010 12:27:00 -0000
"Ernest" <aa1ik@...> wrote:

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463. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 12:33:29 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 448 Message: 463

BUT, if you put a comma after 'it' then the connotation is different:
"doing it, naturally in the woods!"

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Thu, 10/28/10, Ernest <aa1ik@...> wrote:

From: Ernest <aa1ik@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: logos and pictures
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2010, 8:27 AM

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Geezer in the park

464. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 12:47:35 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 448 Message: 464

I hear you on nothing off-color intended, Fred, but it's there nonetheless. We boomers lived through a period when bumper stickers proclaimed this group or that did it deeper, with more electricity, you name it, proliferated like, well rabbits. Hams even had one: Hams do it with more frequency.

I'm slow; it took half a second after reading that for a salacious grin to appear on my face, which I immediately wiped from it.
So while I acknowledge that you intended no double entendre was intended. And the comma doesn't help much, because "doing it" has become a widely used euphemism in the English language for hands-on hanky panky. ;-)

Something a bit more straight-forward, perhaps?

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 8:33:29 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: logos and pictures

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Ernest Gregoire

Geezer in the park

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 12:51:29 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 448 Message: 465

Wow! Did I need to edit that before it left my outbox! Gotta grab another coffee!

Pete

----- Original Message -----
From: w1pns@...
To: "p o t a" <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 8:47:35 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: logos and pictures

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Ernest Gregoire

Geezer in the park

466. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 13:43:47 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 448 Message: 466

hams in parks do it strung between the trees :)
or
hams in parks do it on the picnic table ;)

sorry.... couldnt resist

charlie
ai4ri

On 10/28/2010 08:27, Ernest wrote:
>
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467. The stamp LOGO is awesome

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 13:58:14 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 467 Message: 467

Hello park goers,

I really like the stamp logo. I put it up as a place holder on parksontheair.net

I have been out with an ear infection and have lost track of things here, what is the status of the web team?

Bryan
KJ4QZJ

468. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 14:15:25 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 428 Message: 468

I like it .. good job Jay.

Michael VE3WMB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "dighsx" <dighsx@...> wrote:
>
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> 6902671/view
> <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2097014785/pic/2\
> 46902671/view>
>
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> 73,
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469. Re: Logo search for POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-28 14:47:17 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 428 Message: 469

All I did Michael was take a great design and add to it. It was hard to go wrong.

Also Bryan if you need the photoshop file for the changes I made I can wing that to ya. Or if there's some change that needs to be made I can do that too. Happy to help.

73
Jay aka KD8EUR

470. Re: Whetsone Gulf NYSP Oct 27 1645Z

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 10:06:41 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 455 Message: 470

--- "VE3FAL" wrote:
>
> Some nice qso's there, any snow in the Park?
>

No. Too warm. Tug Hill has a reputation for lots of snow but not this early. Tug Hill is actually not that high, but it gets lake effect snow from Lake Ontario.
http://www.visittughill.com/

We've had quite a lot of rain and Tuesday was unseasonably warm - in the low 70's.

I hiked from the park entrance up the North Rim Gorge Trail and back not needing any heavy clothing - actually just shorts. Then I drove up on a seasopnal road to the western boundary and walked in to my radio location on the North Rim. But by that time (about 3:15PM) the weather had started to deterioriate. I did not have much luck making contacts and started to feel some moisture in the air, so I packed up.

It rained overnight but cleared up the next day so I came back on Wednesday. Temperature about 10° cooler and breezy but very clear skies.

I had lots of work to do but I wanted to be the first to activate a NY park so I took advantage of the good weather.

Looks like our last days of "Indian Summer" are over. Some snow possible this weekend. It won't amount too much yet.

KC2WI

471. Recording activations?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 10:19:53 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 471 Message: 471

Has a system of recording activetions been established? I activated Whetstone Gulf SP in NY. How does that get recorded? Do I download, edit, and upload the NY file? Are we looking for someone to be the "keeper" of each state? If so I can do NY.

472. Re: Recording activations?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 11:30:22 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 471 Message: 472

If you do not wish to take on NY or if we do not have a keeper already, Kyle N4NSS will probbaly take some of this on.
If you wish to do it look at Peters logs and activations and try and keep same idea, activation log of Park on one page and log book entries on another page in same folder.

Great job on activating the Park.

Fred
VE3FAL
Gate Keeper-Booo

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "kc2wi.afa2cq" <kc2wi.afa2cq@...> wrote:
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473. Re: logos and pictures

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 12:41:02 UTC
From: Ernest
Topic: 448 Message: 473

Thanks Fred, You're a good man!

I love the revised logos. Great stuff!

Keep up the good work!

73

de AA1IK/P

Ernest Gregoire

Geezer in the park

474. Park Activated...City of Ottawa

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 20:35:04 UTC
From: va3rcs
Topic: 474 Message: 474

On Wednesday October 27th Jose VA3PCJ and Bob VA3QV went over to Mooneys Bay Park in Ottawa.

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=mooneys+bay+park+ottawa&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=31.922255,56.513672&ie=UTF8&hq=mooneys+bay+park&hnear=Ottawa,+Ottawa+Division,+Ontario,+Canada&ll=45.390494,-75.690308&spn=0.110426,0.220757&z=12&iwloc=A

In case the link does not work just Googlemaps "Mooneys Bay Park Ottawa" and it should bring you to the right map...

This is a City Park owned and operated by the City of Ottawa (www.ottawa.ca)

Jose was operating with his ICOM 703 with a homebrewed W3EDP antenna. Bob was operating with his Yaesu FT817 and a buddistick vertical attached to a picnic table...

Contacts were as follows:

VA3PCJ - 3.755 lsb - VA3ABL Norm - Ontario CAN - 5/7
VA3QV - 21.320 usb - VP5/I8UZA Guiseppe - Turks and Caicos - 5/9
VA3QV - 21.225 usb - OX3KQ Jesper - Greenland - 5/9
VA3QV - 24.947 usb - CO8LY Eduardo - Cuba - 5/9
VA3QV - 18.125 usb - NI5Y/m Calvin - Arkansas USA - 5/7

Details and some pictures are on my blog at:
http://va3qv.wordpress.com

All in all despite the wind a great way to spend a couple of hours on a Wednesday afternoon.

73

VA3PCJ and VA3QV

475. Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 20:41:30 UTC
From: va3rcs
Topic: 474 Message: 475

Forgot part of the address....

Try:

http://va3qv.wordpress.com/2010/10/28/va3qvqrp-from-mooneys-bay-ottawa/

Sorry about that...

73bob

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "va3rcs" <va3qv@...> wrote:
>
>
>
> Details and some pictures are on my blog at:
> http://va3qv.wordpress.com
>

476. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 21:07:13 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 474 Message: 476

I thought we couldn't activate City Parks for POTA... If that was the case, I'd be in a County Park just down the road ratchet-jawin with the locals on 6FM Simplex to get my 5 Qs... Canada is different???

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

477. Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 21:14:53 UTC
From: va3rcs
Topic: 474 Message: 477

maybe I missed something in the process... and if I did then... aw shucks...

I was in a park... 4 were in other countries... the closest of the 5 contacts was 250 miles away...

No ground wave and it was QRP SSB...

However if we are not keeping track of all parks sorry!!!

Not worth arguing about.... its a hobby

73bob

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> Andy N8OFS GOT6???
>

478. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 22:45:18 UTC
From: Dave Raycroft
Topic: 478 Message: 478

Possibly, Andy. Gotta small park just across the street, for the kids, here in Toronto. A zillion others just like it scattered around the city. 5 Qs would be easy pick'ins here!! However, I do not see any listed on the VEFF Canadian Flora Fauna list! :o) All the best Pal.....

Dave, VA3RJ

----- Original Message -----
From: <n8ofs@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 5:07 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

> I thought we couldn't activate City Parks for POTA... If that was the
> case, I'd be in a County Park just down the road ratchet-jawin with the
> locals on 6FM Simplex to get my 5 Qs... Canada is different???
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> Andy N8OFS GOT6???
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> ---
> avast! Antivirus: Inbound message clean.
> Virus Database (VPS): 101029-1, 29-10-2010
> Tested on: 29-10-10 6:00:12 PM
> avast! - copyright (c) 1988-2010 ALWIL Software.
> http://www.avast.com
>
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>

479. fl activation tomorrow

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-29 23:36:45 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 479 Message: 479

going to tomoka state park tomorrow morning at 8am EST

frequencies will be 14.240 +/- QRM.N and maybe 14.070.15 PSK later on in the morning,

kyle.. this will be usfl003 right ?

charlie
ai4ri

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480. Not quite POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 01:01:03 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 480 Message: 480

Ill be operating in the CQWW contest all weekend as VE3RM

Usually on 20M somewhere.

Currently pointed to my friends to the south.

Shamless plug I'm on 14.240 at the moment

481. activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 10:25:00 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 481 Message: 481

ok so i didnt see this come through the group....

north peninsula state park will be on the air from about 8am EST providing i can get setup in time....

frequencies: 14.240 +/- QRM

kyle... this will be USFL003 i beleive ????

charlie
ai4ri

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482. ormond tomb park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 10:52:38 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 482 Message: 482

i've jsut ffound out while trawling the intarwebs that ormond tomb park is actually a state park.

i thought this was just a county park...

http://www.stateparks.com/ormond_tomb.html

http://www.recreationparks.net/FL/volusia/ormond-tomb-state-park-ormond-beach

if someone can confirm this (kyle?) then that will have been activated a few weeks ago and ill have to dig out the logs for that one....

see y'all on the ether this morning...

charlie
ai4ri

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483. ormond tomb park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 12:32:00 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 482 Message: 483

Ormand is a State park according to the list.

Have fun....

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

484. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 13:06:10 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 474 Message: 484

Yes guys only State,Provincial and National Parks are being activated on the group and being numbered. That does not mean that you cant go out to a City or County Park to GET OUT and have fun, it just wont get an activation on this group. I said before we could start another group for this side of the Parks if we want to, but for now have fun. List your activations or when you plan to operate so others can work you, we are not going to stop you from this, they just wont make it under our activation numbering scheme with the current Parks.

Fred
List Owner/Moderator and Head Ghoule....Booooo
Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: va3rcs
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2010 5:14 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

maybe I missed something in the process... and if I did then... aw shucks...

I was in a park... 4 were in other countries... the closest of the 5 contacts was 250 miles away...

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>

485. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ormond tomb park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 14:06:56 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 482 Message: 485

On 10/30/2010 08:32, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
> Ormand is a State park according to the list.
ok will do... ill sort the logs from a few weeks back then..

i have activated north peninsula state park.. it's great here in the
dunes.

charlie
ai4ri

486. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 15:11:45 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 474 Message: 486

I had advocated early on for city parks -- at least for cities of a certain population, if there were concerns about an explosion of the number of potential entities for activation -- to be included in POTA, and was sad to see that the idea didn't gain much traction. Us city-dwelling hams get no respect :-)

73!
-chris N2YYZ

487. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 15:17:11 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 474 Message: 487

I hear you Chris, I am in the same situation with lighthouses, firetowers and castles.....

All of which I would be happy to activate if they were near by..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Chris Danis
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2010 11:11 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

I had advocated early on for city parks -- at least for cities of a certain population, if there were concerns about an explosion of the number of potential entities for activation -- to be included in POTA, and was sad to see that the idea didn't gain much traction. Us city-dwelling hams get no respect :-)

73!
-chris N2YYZ

488. Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 16:58:15 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 474 Message: 488

--- n8ofs@... wrote:
>
> I thought we couldn't activate City Parks for POTA... If that was the case, I'd be in a County Park just down the road ratchet-jawin with the locals on 6FM Simplex to get my 5 Qs... Canada is different???
>
> Andy N8OFS GOT6???
>
It was decided National and State/Provincial parks only.

Personally I think it should be any park as long as you can provide enough documentation as to the park's name, location, etc. so that it can be shown to be a legitimate park and can be added to into an actiavtion list.

It might make numbering difficult, but I don't see why they absolutely have to be numbered anyway. Numbering to shorten the info being sent makes sense for CW, but only if the parks are pre-numbered, which at this time they are not. Maybe numbering could be applied only to the national and state parks because there is a finite number of them in each state and generally there is a published list somewhere.

Some people don't have any national or state parks close by and/or maybe they live in a city and have only public transportation so they can't get to a distant national or state park easily. I don't see that it is necessary to make it hard for people who would like to activate a park.

Certainly would be impossible for "chasers" to "work all parks" if all there was no limit on what parks could be activated, but I think "worked all parks" may be virtually impossible anyway because all the stateprovincial/national parks in a particular state/province/country may never be put on the air.

However There coud be two categories of awards. On for the enumerated state, provincial, and national parks, and one for all parks.

It would be nice to have more people putting parks on the air more frequently so that when you listened on the calling frequencies you would be more likely to be able to make contacts. If people could go to their local parks and activate, that might happen.

Food for thought.

KC2WI

489. Re: Recording activations?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 18:15:17 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 471 Message: 489

I think the plan is to extract activations from the posts and uploaded files and insert them into a web database as soon as one is ready. Then move to web forms for such things. So as long as they get posted they will eventually end up in the database.

Bryan
KJ4QZJ

490. Peninsula State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 18:17:49 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 490 Message: 490

ok i'm back...

picked a good time to go playing radio and also I decided to run semi-qrp flicking between 10 watts and 25 watts.

with the cqww crap going on today, things were tough at times, but the excellent DSP in the ts480 worked great pulling out some stations.

here's the log (obviously sig reports are not accurate as it was a contest and everyone is 59 LOL):

funny thing is.. I had more sucess with 10 watts and the euros than more power and getting some (relative) locals LOL

now as far as ormond tomb park, as kyle said that actually is on the list of being a state park, then ill dig out the log from a few weeks back and post that.

charlie
ai4ri

CALL DX TIME BAND MODE RSTr RSTs
AI4RI DR1A 2010-10-30 16:35 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI HI3CC 2010-10-30 14:22 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI WB1CQW 2010-10-30 14:15 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI K3LR 2010-10-30 14:12 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI W2XL 2010-10-30 14:00 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI HQ2W 2010-10-30 13:35 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI M4A 2010-10-30 13:33 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI KP2M 2010-10-30 13:25 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI HK1X 2010-10-30 13:23 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI OK1BN 2010-10-30 13:21 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI F1AKK 2010-10-30 13:13 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI SO8A 2010-10-30 12:56 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI KP2M 2010-10-30 12:43 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI OE6Z 2010-10-30 12:31 20m USB 59 59
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AI4RI EA5GI 2010-10-30 12:18 20m USB 59 59
AI4RI NP3O 2010-10-30 09:41 20m USB 59 59

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491. Peninsula State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-30 19:22:24 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 490 Message: 491

When I get home I wiil process the lists and activation for Florida.

Kyle N4NSS

492. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 00:25:47 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 492

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParkActivationQSOs.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Park Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParkActivationQSOs.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

493. Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 01:29:17 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 474 Message: 493

-- <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
> ...they just wont make it under our activation numbering scheme with the current Parks.
>

I think it would be near impossible to have a coherent numbering scheme for all parks. But that does not necessarily mean that activations could not be kept track of. There could be a simple alphabetical list or lists for each state/province.

494. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 02:34:54 UTC
From: Dave Raycroft
Topic: 474 Message: 494

Hello Group,

I like the idea of P.O.T.A., however there seems to be a copying of the already established WFF (World Flora Fauna) award program that is already worldwind and established in Canada (VEFF) and the USA (KFF). See: wff44.com/

The USA (KFF) program already includes National and State parks. However, so far they do not seem to have county parks or city parks.

The Canadian (VEFF) program already includes National Parks and Provincial protected areas (reserves, biospheres, watersheds, marine areas, etc.). However, the Canadian program does not intend to include recreational parks, neither Provincial or municipal (city parks & parkettes).

I see no reason why this group can not activate any park, period. City parks would be great, but the number of them will be huge. You have your numbering scheme and WFF has theirs.

Example: Look at IOTA (Islands On The Air). Then look at the Canadian Islands Award and the US Islands Award programs. Yes, both the CIsA and USi programs do include some IOTA islands, but most of the other islands are inland or do not meet IOTA creditation. Thus various countries around the world have their own island award programs (Scotland - IOSA & SCOTIA, France - DIFM & DIFO, etc.).

As for a numbering system, I think you already have that under control by using an abbreviated State or Province designation (FL, ME, ON, BC, etc). This system works well with the CIsA and USi programs quite well. You may elect to, or not, have a minimum number of QSOs to "qualify" a park. The rules are yours and I'm not going to suggest you change them.

In my opinion WFF and POTA can work nicely together. You will have the bonus of including recreational only parks, county parks and city parks. If you activate a National or State Park that is on the USA (KFF) or Canadian (VEFF) list, you can include that information with your P.O.T.A. number. Likewise there would be no problem for VEFF or KFF to include a P.O.T.A. reference in their files and/or DX news bulletins. Bottom line is everyone has fun! Even the folks in big cities that do not get any respect, hi. They too can operate from one of their city parks!

Just my two cents worth, to start. Maybe it is only worth a penny, hi.

73 from Dave, VA3RJ
Official Representative & Co-Ordinator of WFF program for Canada.

----- Original Message -----
From: "kc2wi.afa2cq" <kc2wi.afa2cq@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2010 9:29 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

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495. Contest within a contest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 13:47:10 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 495 Message: 495

I'm working 20M on 14.240 at the moment as VE3RM

Work us before 11am EST and ill send you 500 free full color QSL cards

If your SWL and can't work us email me the QSO you heard and ill send you 250 cards of your very own.

Of course they will be POTA branded cards with the logo that we will chose in the next few weeks!!

496. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 13:50:00 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 495 Message: 496

Not hearing you yet, hearing N3FP.....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Jeff Dale
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2010 9:47 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

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497. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 13:50:23 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 495 Message: 497

Hear someone calling CQ contest but not giving a call...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
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498. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 13:51:04 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 495 Message: 498

Yeah he's pissing me off actually !!! :)

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Sun Oct 31 09:50:23 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

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Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES

----- Original Message -----
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499. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 13:57:12 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 495 Message: 499

Beam pointed at you......only hear him....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Jeff Dale
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Sunday, October 31, 2010 9:51 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

Yeah he's pissing me off actually !!! :)

From: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Sun Oct 31 09:50:23 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

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500. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Contest within a contest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 14:37:35 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 495 Message: 500

let me guess.. a guy from turks/caicos on 14.140 ?

he was on yesterday and the only people answering him "were out of band" i dont think he got more than 4 ppl in the log in the 7 hours i was on lol

charlie

501. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 16:41:48 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 501

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

502. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 20:46:21 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 502

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /fallsriverbeaverdam_sra_nc_oct_2010_activate_log_n4ex.xls
Uploaded by : rhomolya <rhomolya@...>
Description : Falls Lake SRA-Beaver Dam, NC activation log

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/fallsriverbeaverdam_sra_nc_oct_2010_activate_log_n4ex.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

rhomolya <rhomolya@...>

503. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-10-31 20:52:31 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 503

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /fallslake_sra_beaverdam_nc_oct_2010_activate_log_n4ex.xls
Uploaded by : rhomolya <rhomolya@...>
Description : Falls Lake SRA-Beaver Dam activation log

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/fallslake_sra_beaverdam_nc_oct_2010_activa
te_log_n4ex.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

rhomolya <rhomolya@...>

504. Activation Everglades National Park Sun Oct 31, 2010 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 15:51:55 UTC
From: llibsch@bellsouth.net
Topic: 504 Message: 504

Log for K4KGG activation Of Everglades National Park

Activation was from Lone Pine picnic area near the eastern entrance of the Park. Portable setup included a wire quarter wave monopole vertical for 20 hung on a fiberglass pole with 8 sloping radials, an IC 706 MKIIG and a Honda 1000i generator, and mosquito repellant. I plan to send QSL cards noting Everglades National Park and with appropriate photo to all contacts.

Call Time (UCT) Frequency

NP2KW 13:35 14239.00
VE3RM 13:37 14240.00
EA1CJ 13:50 14257.00
V31BD 13:56 14262.50
HK1X 14:14 14293.25
WB9Z 14:26 14317.75
N0IJ 14:28 14320.25
Ol5T 14:37 14323.00
S57AL 15:00 14340.75
S50K 15:18 14329.5

K4KGG, Larry

505. Activation Biscayne National Park Sun Oct 31, 2010 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 16:24:26 UTC
From: llibsch@bellsouth.net
Topic: 505 Message: 505

Activation Log for Biscayne National Park. K4KGG Sun Oct 31, 2010. Activation was from Dante Fascell Visitor Center picnic area at Convoy Point. Portable setup included a wire quarter wave monopole vertical for 20 hung on a fiberglass pole with 8 sloping radials, an IC 706 MKIIG and a Honda 1000i generator. I plan to send QSL cards noting Biscayne National Park and with appropriate photo to all contacts.

Call Time(UCT) Frequency

NN2W 17:39 14312.50
VP9/N1SV 17:40 14307.25
HG10P 17:46 14219.00
IR4X 17:50 14212.25
TI0RC 17:52 14207.50
N2MM 17:54 14204.50
YT0W 17:58 14189.00
AM1A 18:02 14179.00
W5WZ 18:08 14169.00
WE3C 18:11 14164.50
W1DX 18:14 14161.75
AA1K 18:15 14161.25
K1LZ 18:17 14160.25
W3LPL 18:19 14155.00
K3LR 18:23 14152.25
K3CR 18:28 14164.00
N3RS 18:30 14169.25
VE3EJ 18:32 14172.00
N5DX 18:41 14186.75
K9RS 18:53 14205.75
K3ZM 19:01 14216.25

K4KGG, Larry

506. Congrats!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 16:27:18 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 506 Message: 506

Congrats to K4KGG, Larry for the QSO and to VE3FAL, Fred for the SWL

I'll contact you both off-list to get the details hammered out.

Cheers

Jeff Dale

VA3ISP

POTA WebMaster

507. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Congrats!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 17:01:53 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 506 Message: 507

yea... what he said... good on ya for activating two parks on the
same day.

I had fun with the cqww contest running qrp actually got some decent
contacts on the inverted V 20m dipole.

was hard work with a lot of them because of the power, but i
resisted the urge to turn it up. in fact i think i got through to a
lot of them because i was /qrp when i called them. Max power i did
use was 25 watts, but that was only on a couple of stations who let
me see the difference between 10 and 25.... which to be honest was
about 1 or 2 s point so not really worth it. IMHO.. I might even
start doing more qrp stuff... really enjoyed it.

charlie
ai4ri

On 11/1/2010 12:27, Jeff Dale wrote:
> Congrats to K4KGG, Larry for the QSO and to VE3FAL, Fred for the SWL

508. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Congrats!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 18:22:21 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 506 Message: 508

Indeed! Not just two parks in one day (I lived in Hollywood, Fla., for about four and a half years, so I'm hip to the travel time, you fortunate canines! ;-) But also the first US national parks, or at least the first twofer US national parks???

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeff Dale" <jdale@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2010 12:27:18 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Congrats!!

Congrats to K4KGG, Larry for the QSO and to VE3FAL, Fred for the SWL

I'll contact you both off-list to get the details hammered out.

Cheers

Jeff Dale

VA3ISP

POTA WebMaster

509. Log files

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 18:34:25 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 509 Message: 509

Hey POTAites, POTAers, POTA-People.... Not sure what to call us all but this message is for all of you that activated a park.

Do you use logging software?

Does it export to ADIF?

Can you send me your ADIF File?

Thanks

510. Activation Biscayne National Park Sun Oct 31, 2010 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 18:55:17 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 505 Message: 510

Larry K4KGG,

What a guy ! Two in one day....I'll update the Florida file ASAP.

Kyle N4NSS

511. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log files

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 19:15:48 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 509 Message: 511

replied offlist with attachment

i use hamradio deluxe and log into my main machine at home so i use
the same log for everything and no need to transfer anything :)

charlie
ai4ri

512. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log files

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 19:37:59 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 509 Message: 512

This message was created automatically by the mail system (ecelerity).

A message that you sent could not be delivered to one or more of its
recipients. This is a permanent error. The following address(es) failed:

>>> >>> jdale@... (reading confirmation): 554 Service
unavailable; Client host [cdptpa-omtalb.mail.rr.com] blocked using
Barracuda Reputation;
http://www.barracudanetworks.com/reputation/?r=1&ip=208.54.85.66

Reporting-MTA: dns; cdptpa-oedge04.mail.rr.com
Arrival-Date: Mon, 01 Nov 2010 19:15:30 +0000

Status: 5.0.0
Action: failed
Last-Attempt-Date: Mon, 01 Nov 2010 19:15:30 +0000
Final-Recipient: rfc822; jdale@...
Remote-MTA: dns; gateway.cistel.com
Diagnostic-Code: smtp; 554 Service unavailable; Client host
[cdptpa-omtalb.mail.rr.com] blocked using Barracuda Reputation;
http://www.barracudanetworks.com/reputation/?r=1&ip=208.54.85.66

513. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log files

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-01 19:40:48 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 509 Message: 513

Spammer!!!!

Please send log files to. Jdale@trademarkmedia.ca

Thanks

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Mon Nov 01 15:37:59 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Log files

This message was created automatically by the mail system (ecelerity).

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recipients. This is a permanent error. The following address(es) failed:

>>> >>> jdale@cistel.com <mailto:jdale%40cistel.com> (reading confirmation): 554 Service
unavailable; Client host [cdptpa-omtalb.mail.rr.com] blocked using
Barracuda Reputation;
http://www.barracudanetworks.com/reputation/?r=1&ip=208.54.85.66

Reporting-MTA: dns; cdptpa-oedge04.mail.rr.com
Arrival-Date: Mon, 01 Nov 2010 19:15:30 +0000

Status: 5.0.0
Action: failed
Last-Attempt-Date: Mon, 01 Nov 2010 19:15:30 +0000
Final-Recipient: rfc822; jdale@cistel.com <mailto:jdale%40cistel.com>
Remote-MTA: dns; gateway.cistel.com
Diagnostic-Code: smtp; 554 Service unavailable; Client host
[cdptpa-omtalb.mail.rr.com] blocked using Barracuda Reputation;
http://www.barracudanetworks.com/reputation/?r=1&ip=208.54.85.66

514. Egmont Key State Park today !

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 13:10:14 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 514 Message: 514

Who: N4NSS/p QRPWhere: Egmont Key State Park
<http://floridastateparks.org/egmontkey/default.cfm> today
11/02/2010Time: 1530Z-1730Z or 11:30 am to 2:30 pm ESTFreq: 14.060
+/-
There is a lighthouse <http://wlol.arlhs.com/lighthouse/USA269.html>
there too!
I only have a small window because I don't want to miss the return
ferry.
If you hear me please spot me on QRPSPOTS <www.qrpspots.com>
Kyle N4NSS

515. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today !

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 15:47:51 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 514 Message: 515

I am listening as of 15:30z (Now 15:47z) and nothing heard so far...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 9:10 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today !

Who: N4NSS/p QRP
Where: Egmont Key State Park today 11/02/2010
Time: 1530Z-1730Z or 11:30 am to 2:30 pm EST
Freq: 14.060 +/-

There is a lighthouse there too!

I only have a small window because I don't want to miss the return ferry.

If you hear me please spot me on QRPSPOTS

Kyle N4NSS

516. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today !

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 16:09:51 UTC
From: Dave Raycroft
Topic: 514 Message: 516

1608z and nothing heard so far. However, did hear some of K4I..... and a
few CQs from others.....

Dave, VA3RJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 11:47 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today !

I am listening as of 15:30z (Now 15:47z) and nothing heard so far...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
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SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 9:10 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today !

Who: N4NSS/p QRP
Where: Egmont Key State Park today 11/02/2010
Time: 1530Z-1730Z or 11:30 am to 2:30 pm EST
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There is a lighthouse there too!

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If you hear me please spot me on QRPSPOTS

Kyle N4NSS

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avast! Antivirus: Inbound message clean.
Virus Database (VPS): 101102-1, 02-11-2010
Tested on: 02-11-10 12:03:15 PM
avast! - copyright (c) 1988-2010 ALWIL Software.
http://www.avast.com

517. ADIF Files Still Needed

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 21:39:42 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 517 Message: 517

I'm putting the finishing touches on the database and need some ADIF Files of contacts.

So far I have gotten 3 files but all from the same source.

It doesn't have to be POTA related adif file. I just need a log of QSO's

Anyone have any hanging around?

Jeff Dale ITIL

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518. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 21:57:20 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 517 Message: 518

Ill send along sum potas.

Pete
W1PNS
Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

-----Original Message-----
From: "Jeff Dale" <jdale@cistel.com>
Sender: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Tue, 2 Nov 2010 17:39:42
To: <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Reply-To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

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519. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 22:03:35 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 517 Message: 519
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

On Tue, 2010-11-02 at 17:39 -0400, Jeff Dale wrote:
>
> I’m putting the finishing touches on the database and need some ADIF
> Files of contacts.
>
>

Here you go...

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | WARC-CC #147

520. RE: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 22:05:44 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 517 Message: 520
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Thanks Pete

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca] On Behalf Of Peter N. Spotts
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 6:04 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

On Tue, 2010-11-02 at 17:39 -0400, Jeff Dale wrote:
>
> I’m putting the finishing touches on the database and need some ADIF
> Files of contacts.
>
>

Here you go...

With best regards,

Pete

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521. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 23:53:47 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 517 Message: 521

you not get mine?

charlie

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeff Dale" <jdale@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 17:39
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

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Files of contacts.
So far I have gotten 3 files but all from the same source.

522. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-02 23:57:44 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 517 Message: 522

Yessir.

Thx

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Tue Nov 02 19:53:47 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

you not get mine?

charlie

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeff Dale" <jdale@cistel.com <mailto:jdale%40cistel.com> >
To: <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <mailto:p_o_t_a_%40yahoogroups.ca> >
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 17:39
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] ADIF Files Still Needed

I'm putting the finishing touches on the database and need some ADIF
Files of contacts.
So far I have gotten 3 files but all from the same source.

523. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-03 02:52:28 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 474 Message: 523

Chris, I can certainly appreciate your desire to activate a city park. I think many others want to do the same. However, since we're just getting off the ground with this idea it seemed best to stay with just recognized national/state/provincial parks for the time being because they are easy enough to document and track (in terms of awards). A second part of the earlier discussion was that if we could develop a set of criteria that we could use to define a 'park' then that list could be used to add additional parks later. We also talked about being able to expand the numbering scheme to accommodate county/municipal parks later. What we want to avoid is having anyone and everyone adding whatever entity to the list that they choose unless that entity really is a 'park' (whatever we end up defining that to be). As you can imagine that would be difficult to manage if everyone simply added every location they felt was a park to the list.

Again, though, I want to stress that the idea is not to exclude such parks forever. We just need to mark a line in the sand and go with what we have for now and then expand later as we gain more experience.

73, Brian WB9QVR

From: Chris Danis <cdanis@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, October 30, 2010 10:11:45 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Park Activated...City of Ottawa- Corrected URL for Blog entry...

I had advocated early on for city parks -- at least for cities of a certain population, if there were concerns about an explosion of the number of potential entities for activation -- to be included in POTA, and was sad to see that the idea didn't gain much traction. Us city-dwelling hams get no respect :-)

73!
-chris N2YYZ

524. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today ! USFL004

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-03 21:17:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 524 Message: 524

Setup was in a nice shaded spot with a breeze. The random wire was not my best choice but it had to do. Signals were sparce at first and the QSB was a killer for my 5 watts.
I tried to stay in one area with my CQs this time and not go S & P. Fishing for calls came slow.
It was crunch time but I made the five contacts. The ferry was going to arrive at 1830Z and I was still in QSO with W5GXV. I still had to pack up the gear and dash over to the pickup spot on the beach.

This trip was an impromptu event because next week the WX gets cold for us Florida boys.

I'm glad I was able to make it. Thanks for looking for me though no POTA contacts made.

Posted on the Photo folder are some pictures.

11/02/2010 Egmont Key State Park USFL004
N1ZS   1640Z   459/439   DAVE WOODBURY,CT
W2DEC 1710Z   599/559   URB ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
K2NPN   1717Z   599/559   PHIL MARCY,NY
WA0ITP 1739Z   569/559   TERRY OTTUMWA,IA
W5GXV 1756Z   599/339   GENE SPRING BRANCH,TX

My logging software is not working right for exporting adi files.

72,73
Kyle N4NSS

--- On Tue, 11/2/10, Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...m> wrote:

From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today !
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Tuesday, November 2, 2010, 9:10 AM

Who: N4NSS/p QRP
Where: Egmont Key State Park today 11/02/2010
Time: 1530Z-1730Z or 11:30 am to 2:30 pm EST
Freq: 14.060 +/-

There is a lighthouse there too!

I only have a small window because I don't want to miss the return ferry.

If you hear me please spot me on QRPSPOTS

Kyle N4NSS

525. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Egmont Key State Park today ! USFL004

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-03 21:27:54 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 524 Message: 525

On Wed, 2010-11-03 at 14:17 -0700, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
> snip <
>
> This trip was an impromptu event because next week the WX gets cold
> for us Florida boys.
>

Good work, Kyle.

And I know what you mean about cold. Something about that Florida warmth thins the blood. I lived in Hollywood for about 4-1/2 years. During the winter, I couldn't for the life of me understand how the snowbirds could walk around in 50-degree weather in shorts and T-shirts -- until I experienced my first 50-degree day after a Boston wintah. It felt like beach weather by comparison. So c'mon up here for a bit; we'll get you in shape for operating on a "chilly" Florida day in a stout breeze! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete

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526. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-04 18:03:52 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 526

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

527. Free entry into National Parks this Veterans Day - Reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-04 18:31:39 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 527 Message: 527

Reminder: Not that you need another reason to get outdoors on a beautiful autumn day, but free entry is always nice! So on Thursday, November 11, 2010, get out to a national park or Bureau of Land Management (BLM) area near you, and you'll have a nice day outdoors and a little extra cash in your pocket!Get more info on this fee-free day for the National Parks
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rkk-g==> or BLM
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mfnuBrWO1s6b3Hm-wK1QCDidKgH5GJIyVq-yiWeal9jwTCtg90kXTSCskRceq92yIKH2nrpL\
zHz17uhs5SQKzPFYRZ6Pi1loMm4kharKn9QIA==> .
Kyle N4NSS

528. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Free entry into National Parks this Veterans Day - Reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-04 19:21:27 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 527 Message: 528

that sucks... it's a thursday..i gotta work :((

charlie
ai4ri
On 11/4/2010 14:31, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
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> zHz17uhs5SQKzPFYRZ6Pi1loMm4kharKn9QIA==> .
> Kyle N4NSS
>
>

529. Re: Free entry into National Parks this Veterans Day - Reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-04 19:34:54 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 527 Message: 529

I do too so Ocala National Park will still be open for activation but not by us..YET
Kyle N4NSS

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Charles \"AI4RI\" Blackburn" <ai4ri@...> wrote:
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>
> charlie
> ai4ri

530. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Free entry into National Parks this Veterans Day - Reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-04 19:52:02 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 527 Message: 530

my next one will probably be tomoka state park in the next few weeks.

charlie
ai4ri

On 11/4/2010 15:34, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
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531. Re: Trip Report: Rideau River Provincial Park (+ 2 trip reports from the summer)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-07 21:08:53 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 165 Message: 531

Hi.

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Thanks
Martin.

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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: martingillen
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Friday, September 24, 2010 3:07 PM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Trip Report: Rideau River Provincial Park (+ 2 trip reports from the summer)
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>
> This Paeks on the air stuff is *FUN*
>
> 73
> Martin.
> VA3SIE/P.
>

532. Activation question, again...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-07 21:30:19 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 532 Message: 532

Why can't POTA issue me a number for my January 22 Activation of Findley Ohio State Park now??? After I get my 5 Qs, can't I give the number out then???

My January 22 1700Z-2300Z Activation of Findley Ohio State Park is a GO...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

533. Two new park activations...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-07 22:30:16 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 533 Message: 533

Hi,

I finally got around to uploading a blog article and videos from two new activations I did in October 8th & 9th last month. These were summits on the air activations where the summit was in Vermont State Parks.

You can find the blog article & videos here:

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=662

The videos can be accessed directly as well here:

o http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yHHYZSPEKwg&hd=1
o http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJri9hBJkW4&hd=1

Enjoy!

Not sure how to 'claim' the points for these :-)

1) October 8th - Camels Hump State Park, Vermont.

17:35z WA2JNF/M 144MHz FM Stu
17:45z KK1L 144MHz FM Ron
17:50z N2UTY 144MHz FM George
18:00z W2YPP 144MHz FM Art on W1/HA-012

2) October 9th - Smugglers Notch State Park, Vermont.

16:00z WG0AT 14MHz CW RST 339 into CO
16:10z VE2JCW 14MHz CW Did not come back after 1st over?
16:10z N4KGL/4 14MHz CW Greg in GA, RST 579 both ways.
16:30z VA6FUN 14MHz CW Sent RST 599 Got RST 449 - QRG off 600Hz.
16:40z K9CJM 14MHz CW In WI, Sent RST 579 Got RST 589
16:45z WA2USA 14MHz CW Dennis in IN, Sent RST 599, Got RST 559.
16:50z 9A7W 14MHz CW Sent RST 599, Got RST 579.

73!
Martin.
VA3SIE.

534. Mohican State Park, Ohio

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-07 22:49:01 UTC
From: aj8p
Topic: 534 Message: 534

Operated from the trail in Mohican State Park in Ohio today.
Thanks to all the guys for hearing my peanut whistle and answering
my CQ on 30 meters. Here is the log: W4NSN K0IIS
KQ1P N4EX
W4GFA NF0R
NK1V

On the Mohican Trail with my Wilderness Radio 30m SST @1watt

Best Regards, AJ8P, Jeff

535. RE: Two new park activations...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-08 13:49:09 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 533 Message: 535

Martin,
I'm in the process of creating a Vermont file. When it is finished your accomplisments will be noted. BT

73
Kyle N4NSS

536. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-08 15:38:09 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 536

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /OhioStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Ohio State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/OhioStateParks.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

537. 6 Meter Park Activation...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-08 19:53:13 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 537 Message: 537

http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=3595

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death...

538. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activation question, again...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-08 19:40:13 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 532 Message: 538

Email me your log contacts etc. for Findley State Park

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Sun, 11/7/10, n8ofs@... <n8ofs@...> wrote:

From: n8ofs@... <n8ofs@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Activation question, again...
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Sunday, November 7, 2010, 4:30 PM

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My January 22 1700Z-2300Z Activation of Findley Ohio State Park is a GO...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

539. Re: Two new park activations...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-08 20:26:06 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 533 Message: 539

Kyle,

Many thanks for your efforts (and all you other regional coordinators too! - this is *FUN*!)

- Martin.

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540. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-08 21:45:14 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 540

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
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group.

File : /Michigan_State_Parks_OCT10_act.xls
Uploaded by : dighsx <dighsx@...>
Description : Updated MI File

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Michigan_State_Parks_OCT10_act.xls

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Regards,

dighsx <dighsx@...>

541. USIN005 McCormick's Creek State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-09 00:23:52 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 541 Message: 541

Dennis, WA2USA will be activating McCormick's Creek state park (USIN005) tomorrow (11/9/2010). I don't have specific times but I would expect it to be between 1600 and 2000 UTC (approximately). Frequencies will be 7.040, 10.115 and 14.040 (all CW).

I'm sure Dennis will be happy to hear from other POTA-ites!

542. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Trip Report: Rideau River Provincial Park (+ 2 trip reports from the summer)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-09 12:57:36 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 165 Message: 542

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Thanks

Fred VE3FAL
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On Sun, 07 Nov 2010 21:08:53 -0000
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> To: p_o_t_a_@...
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543. Indiana State Park Closings for Hunting Season

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-09 20:35:44 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 543 Message: 543

I know that most of you on this list are outside of Indiana but just in case anyone is planning a POTA operation at an Indiana state park please be aware of the following:

INDIANAPOLIS ☐ Sixteen Indiana State Parks, including Lincoln State Park in Spencer County, will close temporarily for two rounds of controlled deer hunts on Nov. 15-16 and Nov. 29-30.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources says the hunts will close the following parks: Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Fort Harrison, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial.

They will close to the general public the evening before both of the two-day deer hunts and re-open the morning afterward.

544. Indiana - Spring Mill State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-11 03:19:58 UTC
From: Brian
Topic: 544 Message: 544

Dennis, WA2USA will be activating Spring Mill State Park in Indiana tomorrow (November 11) from 1500 UTC until until approximately 2100 UTC He will be QRV 7.040, 14.040 or 10.115.

545. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Indiana - Spring Mill State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-11 11:57:43 UTC
From: Schley Cox
Topic: 544 Message: 545
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I will look for you on 40.

Cap

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
Brian
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 9:20 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Indiana - Spring Mill State Park Activation

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(November 11) from 1500 UTC until until approximately 2100 UTC He will be
QRV 7.040, 14.040 or 10.115.

546. Fw: Tomoka state park activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-11 17:32:50 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 546 Message: 546

me and glenn kj4mnw will be activating Tomoka state park tomorrow
(Saturday)
morning at about 8am EST (1300Z)

not sure how long will be there probably till abou lunchtime, but we'll be
on 14.325 +/- QRM - ill post on qrpspots and also on the cluster if i can
get the laptop fired up.

sorry but only ssb voice, i cant do CW :P but if glenn does then maybe
we'll
be on that too..

im also gong to try setting up my 40m dipole too so maybe be on 40 too

charlie
ai4ri

547. Great Smokey Mountains National Park Activation (or very near)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-12 02:35:45 UTC
From: Chuck
Topic: 547 Message: 547

Hello All,

Went to the Great Smokey Mountains National Park this week and made 5 contacts. Not wanting to "deface" a tree (as another Natl Park Ranger told me) or other some such violation i operated <0.4 mile from the entrance at Townsend, Tennessee. If this doesnt count then toss it :-), i had a good time anyway. Also did allot of bike riding and ate mucho good food.

November 10, 2010
QTH- Trailhead to the bicycle path 4 tenths mile from the park entrance at Townsend, TN

Call Name State Time His RST My RST
Freq
W3DP Dick PA 2:15PM EST 599 559
10.118.10
K1IQI Chet MA 2:39PM EST 599 339
10.116.20
EA8BVP Bal Canary Is 2:56PM EST 339 449
14.060.50
AD5C Jose FL 3:45PM EST 599 579
7.026.10
W9OUY Wally SC 4:08PM EST 599 539
7.038.00

Rig HB-1A 8AA NIMH Batteries ~2.5w
Antenna Single ~60' Wire about 25' in tree
Tuner Homebrew L
Key Baby Black Widow
Headphones Sony

73
Chuck
AF4O

548. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-12 20:03:08 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 548

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : VermontStateParks&ActivationInfo

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

549. Re: Trip Report: Rideau River Provincial Park (+ 2 trip reports from the summer)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-12 20:54:20 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 165 Message: 549

Hi, Fred.

Thanks again.

Do you need a volunteer to cover Quebec ??

- Martin.

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550. POTA & SOTA activation tommorow - Parc national du Mont-Tremblant

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-12 20:55:14 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 550 Message: 550

Hi,

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I have written a blog article with some details here:

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=675

We will spot ourselves on http://qrpspots.com

... and we can be tracked at http://aprs.fi/?call=VA3SIE-7&mt=terrain&z=13&others=1&z=15

Looking forward to this, I have been in this National Park before but never operated ham radio from it in the past.

73!
Martin.
VA3SIE/VE2/P.

551. RE: [p_o_t_a_] POTA & SOTA activation tommorow - Parc national du Mont-Tremblant

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-12 22:16:35 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 550 Message: 551

Ill try and look for you there..

I can be tracked via AI4RI-2 (now ive paid my cellphone bill HIHI)

What frequencies are you planning on running? I will have 20m ssb mainly but I've gotta setup and tune a 40m dipole.

Charlie
Ai4ri

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of martingillen
Sent: Friday, November 12, 2010 15:55
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] POTA & SOTA activation tommorow - Parc national du Mont-Tremblant

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552. Tomoka State Park Activation 13-11-10

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-13 01:08:49 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 552 Message: 552

Ill be out tomorrow morning around 14.340 working ssb from tomoka state park. I'll be joined by another ham glenn kj4mnw who will be making his first outing for POTA.

Look for me on qrpspots, the normal dx cluster, twitter (ai4ri and #hamr #hamradio) and aprs as AI4RI-2.

Charlie
Ai4ri

553. qrv 14.180

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-13 13:51:57 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 553 Message: 553

tomoka state park, listen for ai4ri or kj4mnw

charlie
ai4ri

554. Tomoka State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-13 19:27:14 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 554 Message: 554

Write up available on my website @ http://www.ai4ri.net/?page_id=1035

QSO log (Kyle times are in UTC for you :P):

QSO Time on Call Name Country
1 16:24:32 KK4MS MICHAEL T SYMONETTE United States of America
2 15:55:00 MU/F5CWU Flo MOUDAR Guernsey
3 15:47:26 PA3GEG GERALD HINSENVELD Netherlands
4 15:44:31 IK5IFH ALESSANDRO LIGORI Italy
5 15:38:23 VA3LUK Luke Piechocki Canada
6 15:32:48 VE2ITZ Juan Osorio Canada
7 15:30:25 VE3TDI Gary Stonehouse Canada
8 15:23:46 NB9N JOEL W COOPER United States of America
9 15:16:33 NT4I VINCENT D CAMMARATA United States of America
10 15:04:19 AB3MF JEFFREY R STRUBE United States of America
11 15:00:02 AF8RH Robert Hanson United States of America
12 14:58:16 W8NVC NICHOLAS V CRISTINO United States of America
13 14:49:33 WE6A ROBERT H SELMAN United States of America
14 14:45:18 KA3IHR DALE E KEKLOCK United States of America
15 14:24:59 K5JBE JIM B EARTHMAN United States of America
16 14:19:30 AB3DD Henry A Blicharz United States of America
17 14:13:07 W2NS/M Matthew G Paulonis United States of America
18 14:06:07 KB8AOB Richard C Clemens United States of America
19 13:57:29 K8MN/M DAVID E HEIL United States of America
20 13:49:39 S55T RADIOKLUB RADOMLJE Slovenia
21 13:35:25 KR3JA JAMES R AMODIE United States of America
22 13:30:57 KX3DM DONALD R MAIZE United States of America
23 13:23:20 N5ACA THOMAS D TAYLOR United States of America
24 13:18:03 VE3HZI Paul Theodore Pohlod Canada
25 13:15:54 6Y5CI CHARLES CLARKE Jamaica
26 13:08:33 KC9STV Bryant C Ward United States of America
27 12:55:01 AC0ML Kenneth W Porter United States of America

555. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Tomoka State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 03:01:43 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 554 Message: 555

Great log charles, way to go.....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Charles Blackburn
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Saturday, November 13, 2010 2:27 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Tomoka State Park Activation

Write up available on my website @ http://www.ai4ri.net/?page_id=1035

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556. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Tomoka State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 03:13:10 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 554 Message: 556

Thanks... I'll actually get to do a proper write up when I am off next week.

I believe from what I have been told that Guernsey (MU/F5CWU) was a hard DXCC to get. that would explain the pileup that he had on SSB.

Always kind of gratifying when you hear a guy with a pileup and people with obvious KW amps running trying to get in and you poke your foot in the door barefoot and get in on the first call LOL

Charlie

557. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Tomoka State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 13:03:35 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 554 Message: 557

Signs of a great operator.....Good work...Log update today..Me next...

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Sat, 11/13/10, Charles Blackburn <ai4ri@...> wrote:

From: Charles Blackburn <ai4ri@...>
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Tomoka State Park Activation
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Saturday, November 13, 2010, 10:13 PM

Thanks... I'll actually get to do a proper write up when I am off next week.

I believe from what I have been told that Guernsey (MU/F5CWU) was a hard
DXCC to get. that would explain the pileup that he had on SSB.

Always kind of gratifying when you hear a guy with a pileup and people with
obvious KW amps running trying to get in and you poke your foot in the door
barefoot and get in on the first call LOL

Charlie

558. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 13:58:39 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 558

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

559. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 16:49:16 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 559

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NorthCarolinaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NorthCarolinaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.x
ls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

560. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 17:44:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 560

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NewYorkStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : New York State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NewYorkStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

561. North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 19:27:36 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 561 Message: 561

I need log info from N4EX for the Ulmstead State Park activation.

The numbers for the activations so far may change after I get this log info.

Send info direct: n4nss@... <mailto:n4nss@...>

73,
Kyle N4NSS

562. Re: [p_o_t_a_] North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 19:47:39 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 561 Message: 562

I really do not think it matters which park was activated first bur rather when the paperwork is handed in.
I may have stuff come up and unable to get my entries in, if someone else gets theirs in before me I really dont care, getting out to the Park and activating it is the key, and the number down the road is still yet to be decided as to what its main target is...

My 2 cents worth
Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 2:27 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT

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73,
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563. Re: [p_o_t_a_] North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 19:50:16 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 561 Message: 563

Fred,

I was only going by the date of the operation to keep in sequence.

Kyle N4NSS --- On Sun, 11/14/10, VE3FAL <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Sunday, November 14, 2010, 2:47 PM

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564. Re: [p_o_t_a_] North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-14 21:46:53 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 561 Message: 564

No that is fine Kyle, just it does not really matter in my eyes first, second, third or last.... If we stick to activation dates then so be it...

Fred
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CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2010 2:50 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT

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Kyle N4NSS --- On Sun, 11/14/10, VE3FAL <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] North Carolina State Parks Updated------ BUT
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Sunday, November 14, 2010, 2:47 PM

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565. Virus Gone

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-15 10:09:50 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 565 Message: 565

To all who got bogus email from me I say sorry.

The virus is cleaned off my computer.

73
Kyle N4NSS

566. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Virus Gone

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-15 21:56:46 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 565 Message: 566

On 11/15/2010 05:09, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
> To all who got bogus email from me I say sorry.
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glad to see all was not lost :P

charlie
ai4ri

567. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Virus Gone

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-16 01:35:18 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 565 Message: 567

Yep been lots of discussion on a few of the other groups like FT-450 and
SKCC about virus's..Guess they are rampant this time of year with all the
pre-holiday greetings and sales adds.
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a corrupted computer and I have brought many that were dead back to life
using that and Stinger off a thumbdrive to remove stuff.

Discalimer: I have no financial gain or connection with either mentioned..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
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SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
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On Mon, 15 Nov 2010 16:56:46 -0500
"Charles \"AI4RI\" Blackburn" <ai4ri@...> wrote:
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568. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Virus Gone

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-16 17:10:18 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 565 Message: 568

I had to use Stopzilla....Malwarebytes didn't catch it nor my McAfee.

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Mon, 11/15/10, Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Virus Gone
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Monday, November 15, 2010, 8:35 PM

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charlie
ai4ri

569. Re: Virus Gone

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-18 07:33:50 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 565 Message: 569

My virus protection does not like StopZilla and wont let me run it...

Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...> wrote:
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> I had to use Stopzilla....Malwarebytes didn't catch it nor my McAfee.
>
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> Kyle N4NSS
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> From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Virus Gone
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
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570. POTA activation of Mont Tremblant National Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-18 21:51:31 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 570 Message: 570

Hi,

Jean VE2JCW and I (VA3SIE) have written up our 13th November Summits / Parks on the air activation of Mont Tremblant and published it here:

Blog entry: http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=687

Direct link to video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMhUW5eNznU&hd=1

Don't forget to claim your chaser points at http://www.sotadata.org.uk/

73!
Martin.
VA3SIE.

571. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-19 16:18:55 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 571

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /KB4QQJ_Eno_SP.xls
Uploaded by : kb4qqj <KB4QQJ@...>
Description : Operational log for Eno River SP 13 Nov 2010

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/KB4QQJ_Eno_SP.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

kb4qqj <KB4QQJ@...>

572. Eno River SP Operational log

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-19 16:19:11 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 572 Message: 572

Hello the Group,
I operated from Eno River State Park for the SKCC weekend sprint on 13 November 2010.
I have uploaded my logs. I have just re-joined the group and didn't realize Eno already had a number so my apologies for not giving it out. The log is in the files section as "KB4QQJ_Eno_SP.xls"
I operate from several NC State and National Parks through out the year from coast to mountains, so I'll do as much as I can to contact as many as I can as often as I can. And remember, Winter Field Day is just around the corner. heh heh

BCNU,
Randy_KB4QQJ

573. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-19 18:43:28 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 573

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NorthCarolinaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : North Carolina State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NorthCarolinaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.x
ls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

574. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-20 01:10:55 UTC
From: Chuck
Topic: 572 Message: 574

Randy,

Ok I'll bite :-). What is Winter Field Day? Is there a link for info?

72
Chuck
AF4O

On Fri, 2010-11-19 at 16:19 +0000, kb4qqj wrote:

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> Hello the Group,
> I operated from Eno River State Park for the SKCC weekend sprint on 13
> November 2010.
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> BCNU,
> Randy_KB4QQJ
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575. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-20 01:13:36 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 572 Message: 575

Thanks for taking the bait first Chuck I had the same thought.

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Fri Nov 19 20:10:55 2010
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log

Randy,

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576. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-20 01:27:07 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 572 Message: 576

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On Fri, 19 Nov 2010 20:13:36 -0500
"Jeff Dale" <jdale@...> wrote:
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From: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@...>
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577. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-20 01:28:14 UTC
From: danny garvin
Topic: 572 Message: 577

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Danny
   WB9RIM

From: Jeff Dale <jdale@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Fri, November 19, 2010 7:13:36 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log

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From: p_o_t_a_@... <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
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578. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-20 13:50:59 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 572 Message: 578

Just be carfull with your LCD displays in the cold and batteries are sluggish....The Polar Bears get involved with the day too.

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Fri, 11/19/10, danny garvin <grailknight_2@...> wrote:

From: danny garvin <grailknight_2@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Friday, November 19, 2010, 8:28 PM

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579. Salt Fork State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-20 22:55:56 UTC
From: aj8p
Topic: 579 Message: 579

I operated on the trail (FT817 @3w, wire in tree) at Salt Fork State Park, Ohio today and thanks to the guys on the other end for digging out
my signal. This Saturday & Sunday in Ohio is Youth (17yrs and younger with an adult present) deer gun hunting weekend and after seeing that some of the guns were longer than the hunters i decided to scoot out of the woods..Hi Here is the log: KC2LXD....N4KGL(op his 20m sst @3w fb)...VE1BA....KB0PCI...VE3HEQ....I hope these contacts are enough to activate the park.

Best Regards, AJ8P, Jeff

580. Re: Salt Fork State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-21 00:34:02 UTC
From: dighsx
Topic: 579 Message: 580

" after seeing that some of the guns were longer than the hunters i decided to scoot out of the woods"

This is the reason I haven't done any activations lately. Been itchin' to get out there and put a few that are near me on the air but like to keep the lead levels in my body as low as I can.

73,
Jay aka KD8EUR

581. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-21 13:28:23 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 581

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /OhioStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Ohio State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/OhioStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

582. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Salt Fork State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-21 14:02:09 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 579 Message: 582

Jeff,
Very good! Fishig was good...Your data has been updated to the OHIO file.

Next time take a gun too (license included) and you can bag a different trophy.

73,
Kyle N4NSS

--- On Sat, 11/20/10, aj8p <jcap5270@...> wrote:

From: aj8p <jcap5270@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Salt Fork State Park
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Saturday, November 20, 2010, 5:55 PM

I operated on the trail (FT817 @3w, wire in tree) at Salt Fork State Park, Ohio today and thanks to the guys on the other end for digging out
my signal. This Saturday & Sunday in Ohio is Youth (17yrs and younger with an adult present) deer gun hunting weekend and after seeing that some of the guns were longer than the hunters i decided to scoot out of the woods..Hi Here is the log: KC2LXD....N4KGL(op his 20m sst @3w fb)...VE1BA....KB0PCI...VE3HEQ....I hope these contacts are enough to activate the park.

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583. Membership Listings

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-22 16:54:26 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 583 Message: 583

Looking at the membership list I see several without callsigns. It would be nice to include your callsign since this is a ham radio related group. I'm proud of my unique callsign, aren't you?

73,
Kyle N4NSS

Flame me not!

584. Looking for a few beta testers.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-22 17:10:16 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 584 Message: 584

Looking for a few beta testers to test out the ADIF uploading script.

What I need is a few people that have actual logs from contacts. The more contacts the better.

Even if it's a contesting log I don't quite care.

Email me offlist and I'll pick a few people to test it all our.

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585. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Looking for a few beta testers.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-22 17:35:27 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 584 Message: 585

Count me in...

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Jeff Dale" <jdale@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 12:10:16 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Looking for a few beta testers.

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586. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Looking for a few beta testers.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-22 17:42:16 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 584 Message: 586

how many you want? i'll send you all 415 qso's ive made in the past month or 2

charlie
ai4ri

587. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Looking for a few beta testers.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-22 18:14:00 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 584 Message: 587

I will try Jeff...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
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On Mon, 22 Nov 2010 12:10:16 -0500
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-23 04:09:17 UTC
From: Chuck
Topic: 572 Message: 588

Thanks for the info Fred. Sounds like operating arrl field day here in the summer. One can die of heat stroke, the humidity is measured by how thick of pieces you can cut with a knife, and there is always a 100+ heat index :-).

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589. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Membership Listings

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-23 04:48:43 UTC
From: S Kosmetatos
Topic: 583 Message: 589

I don't see where I can edit the membership list to add callsign -

Can't edit my Yahoo profile without affecting other Yahoo groups I belong to. Maybe I'm looking in the wrong place in the group?

Kos, N4NIA

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Kyle N4NSS
Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 11:54 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Membership Listings

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590. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Eno River SP Operational log (Fred)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-23 06:55:25 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 590 Message: 590

That would be the one Fred,
And you are correct. There are several places on the web warning about operating WF in upper latitudes/altitudes. Safety is first concern and the event comes with precautions just as in FYBO weekend. That said, I remember one year seeing a BC station in an igloo/snow house. I've operated from MT Mitchell before (highest peak east of the Mississippi river) at-20F and sustained 25 knot wind. Only antenna that would work was an endfed directly connected to the radio. Coax does not like those temperatures. It will break. Made three contacts and packed up. I'll take snow in feet over ice in inches, hi hi

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/22/2010 11:09:22 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, af4o@... writes:

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-23 21:17:32 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 583 Message: 591

Kos,
Other than having your unique callsign before the @ sign in your email another good spot on the membership list for letting people know your call is to use it in the Yahoo ID for contact information. Doing so will list your callsign in the membership list under Yahoo ID column.

While in your Yahoo email go to:
1. Options
2. Mail options
3. Account Information
4. Under Contact Information
5. Update your Contact Information
6. Y! Messenger add Call in Caps
7. I selected "Connections"
8. Save and exit.

73,
Kyle N4NSS

From: S Kosmetatos <skos@...>
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Membership Listings
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Monday, November 22, 2010, 11:48 PM

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Sent: Monday, November 22, 2010 11:54 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Membership Listings

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-25 16:22:07 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 592

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Park Reference Files/MarylandStateParks&ActivationQSOs.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : MarylandStateParks&ActivationQSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Park%20Reference%20Files/MarylandStatePark
s%26ActivationQSOs.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-26 01:53:43 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 593

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Maryland State Parks & Activation QSOs.xls
Uploaded by : cwo2319 <rdavidson@...>
Description : Maryland State & National Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Maryland%20State%20Parks%20%26%20Activation%20QSOs.xls

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Regards,

cwo2319 <rdavidson@...>

594. N8OFS/8 in ARRL Jan VHF Contest 2011...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-11-28 23:22:33 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 594 Message: 594

N8OFS/8 FINDLEY OHIO STATE PARK -
Look for Andy, N8OFS to be active as N8OFS/8 from Findley Ohio State Park (Grid Loc. EN81VD), Lorain County, Ohio, on 22 January 2011 between 1900z and 2300z. QRV on 6 metres only, using Kenwood TS-60 at 90W to 29.4ft of LMR-400 to the PAR OA-50 antenna at 13ft. Counts for 'WAOSPA' (parks.portcars.org/ospota/?p=173). QSL direct to his home call or via eQSL.

N8OFS/8 EN81vd Lorain County Ohio / Findley Ohio State Park... Kenwood TS-60 @ 90W to 29.4ft of LMR-400 to the PAR OA-50 @ 13ft... 1900Z-2300Z on January 22nd only... Counts for http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/?p=173 WAOSPA... Activates Park for POTA (Parks On The Air) Yahoo Group...

QSLing Instructions:
Direct with SASE, instant turnaround...
Direct without SASE, goes out monthly...
eQSL with AG status, GREAT!!!
eQSL without AG status, good enuf...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

595. [Fwd: [FFMA] Attacking DL88 in 2011]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-10 20:20:54 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 595 Message: 595
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: [FFMA] Attacking DL88 in 2011
From: "Marshall Williams" <k5qe@...>
Date: Wed, December 8, 2010 9:40 pm
To: FFMA@yahoogroups.com

The K5N Activation Group would like to make the following announcement:

DL88 in 2011--A Grid Bandits DXpedition

The K5N Activation Group is planning another assault on DL88 in June of 2011. We are treating last year's attempt as a "Learning Experience" and are modifying our plans accordingly. The current dates chosen are June 1st through June 7th. We plan to travel to Big Bend National Park on June 1st. We will stay in the Park's motel that night and drive to the Talley2 campground in DL88 the morning of June 2nd, which is Thursday. We will set up camp and be operational as quickly as possible, hopefully by about 1PM. We will do the best that we can on this.

We will operate Thursday afternoon, Friday all day, Saturday all day, Sunday all day, and the early hours of Monday morning. At 9AM, we will break camp and drive out of the park. We will drive as far as possible on Monday and stay in a motel somewhere along the way. We will then finish our drives to our homes on Tuesday, June 7th. These dates are not cast in concrete, but no changes are anticipated to our schedule. We have chosen these dates across a full weekend to maximize everyone's chances to work us in DL88. While driving, group members may active grids along the way using their own calls.

The operators this year will be the same group as last year. Bill-K5YG, Danny-N5OMG, Bill-N5YA, and Marshall-K5QE. We plan to operate SSB/CW during the day when the prospects for Es is the highest. We will operate WSJT FSK441 during the night hours. We plan to use 50.210MHz this year. By changing our frequency this year, we hope that we will not be obliterated by the Alabama 6M net....whose members apparently operate with crystal control. Both SSB/CW and WSJT meteor scatter will be on that frequency.

As you may know, the Park officials will not allow us a generator down there....AAAAAAaaaaaaRGH!!!!! We have purchased 4 x 80W solar panels and a charge controller. That should allow us enough power to run during the day. At night, we will rely on battery power supplemented by charging off the vehicles' 12V systems. What this means is that we will have a very tight power budget. Depending on how that budget plays out,

we will be running either 100W or 225W output power. We will be using an M2 6M5X five element beam at 20 to 25ft. This antenna has worked out nicely in the past. IF our power budget holds us back, we will not operate the "dead of night" hours and will recharge our batteries during that time.

There is NO Internet and NO cell phone coverage in DL88. Last year we secured the help of the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club who maintains a very nice repeater system in the area. Coverage seemed OK from the Talley2 area. BBARC members were going to post to PingJockey for us whenever we changed from SSB/CW to WSJT and other such information. We will attempt to get them to help us again this year. Last year, there were many stations that "followed" our expedition and were able to post information to the Internet for us. That helped to keep everyone "on the same page". Please understand that where we are going is way out in the desert, 20 miles past BFE and 42 miles past the sticks.

Again this year, Joey-W5TFW will be our QSL manager. Please QSL direct to him with an SASE after the expedition is over. NO SASE means NO QSL CARD! Please DO NOT send QSLs to the traveling operators, as we will not have blank cards to send back. Also as in the previous years, JD-N0IRS will be in charge of the web site and all Internet related stuff. In addition, JD is an excellent videographer. He has created some nice excellent movies from the video provided by Bill-K5YG who is our traveling photographer and videographer. We are looking forward to those again this year. The traveling group of K5N is always appreciative of the efforts of Joey and JD.

So, here is a summary itinerary.....
June 1 Wednesday Travel from our homes to the Big Bend
National Park
June 2 Thursday Travel to DL88 and set up camp. Operate
Thursday afternoon
June 3 Friday Operate from DL88
June 4 Saturday Operate from DL88
June 5 Sunday Operate from DL88
June 6 Monday Operate until 9AM, then break camp and
begin the drive home
June 7 Tuesday Complete the drive home

We are really looking forward to working everyone possible from DL88. It is a super rare grid and we hope to pass it out to everyone that needs it. More information will follow, so "keep a weather eye on the horizon"....

73 The K5N Activation Group
Bill K5YG
Danny N5OMG
Bill N5YA
Marshall K5QE

Joey W5TFW
JD N0IRS

596. Amistad National Recreation Area...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-10 20:27:47 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 596 Message: 596

From Dave VA3RJs ICPO...

01/11/2010: W6GMT/5 RARE 6 METRE GRID -
Brock, W6GMT/5 will again be hosting for the National Park service at Amistad National Recreation Area between 1st November 2010 and 15th April 2011. The park is located between Del Rio and Langtry, in southwest Texas, Val Verde County (Grid Loc. DL99). QRV on 6 metres, all modes including digital, running 100 watts to a 3 element yagi. Brock will be using solar power or generator as there is no power in the camp ground. QSL via home call. [N8OFS]

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death (or until I upgrade to General)...

597. Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-13 15:00:27 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 597 Message: 597

Now that we have snow and my cross country skiis are ready I am hoping to get out and activate Kakabeka Provincial Park in the near couple of weeks. Currently in a deep freeze -25C (-35.6C with windchill), so too cold for one to ski and too cold for ones health and safety.
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I will post when I do go as well as bands (probably 20 and 40).

Cheers

Fred
VE3FAL

598. Re: Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-13 15:26:41 UTC
From: ekacura
Topic: 597 Message: 598

Hi Fred, Ed (N7EDK) here in the Tucson area. It is a little too cold to get out in Kakabeka PP yet. We have 70's and low 80's this week, and I'm off work till Xmas (slow at work). So now's the perfect time for me to activate Saguaro National Park near by (11km). I too will post the day and times later, probably just 20 meter SSB for now.Stay warm !!

Ed N7EDK
Marana,AZ.

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599. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 03:35:26 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 597 Message: 599

Fred,
Now I know your are nuts....well, do you also belong to the PB yahoo group? If not you should.

It is blustery cold down here in Florida.....

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595, P.O.T.A.
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

--- On Mon, 12/13/10, fred <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: fred <ve3fal@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Monday, December 13, 2010, 10:00 AM

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600. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 03:48:47 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 597 Message: 600

Yep I am PB as well Kyle......
And the G.O.R.C. and ....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Mon, 13 Dec 2010 19:35:26 -0800 (PST)
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601. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 12:57:05 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 597 Message: 601

PB??? OK, what is that???

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
Activating Findley Ohio State Park for the first 4 hours of the ARRL
January VHF Contest 2011 on 6 Meters ONLY... 50.125USB...

602. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 16:52:49 UTC
From: Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Topic: 597 Message: 602

Polar Bear :o))

----- Original Message -----
From: <n8ofs@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 7:57 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

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603. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 17:01:18 UTC
From: Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Topic: 597 Message: 603

Hi Fred,

This one is good for POTA and also WFF VEFF. Have it on my list as Kakabeka Falls Provincial Natural Environment. Two awards for one activation. Now that is a bargain! Bundle up & have fun!!!

73 from Dave, VA3RJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Monday, December 13, 2010 10:48 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

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604. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 17:27:20 UTC
From: Edwin Rhodes
Topic: 597 Message: 604

You guys should come up to Mount Washington in NH, now thats COLD. Will be there 2 two weeks

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WA1LEI

605. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 18:15:06 UTC
From: Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Topic: 597 Message: 605

Been up there many times and it is beautiful. Impressed by all the wx station stuff & communications equipment. Usually went up during the month of July and yes, there is snow and freezing rain up there in July! Always got the "This Car Climbed Mount Washington" bumper sticker, hi hi. Great location with a 2m or 70cm handheld!!!
GL & enjoy the summit.

73 from Dave, VA3RJ

----- Original Message -----
From: "Edwin Rhodes" <ewr1030@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 12:27 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

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606. Re: Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 20:55:24 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 597 Message: 606

Now Ed, why would you want to travel all that way, when you can adequately freeze your b's off just looking out over New Haven Harbor?
You going to take a rig with you in the snow coach? You could hang a /pm vertical out a window and drag a counterpoise ;~}. Freeze your fellow passengers, but I bet you'd have a heck of a pileup once you got spotted.

Barclay/wu1b

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607. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 21:02:43 UTC
From: Edwin Rhodes
Topic: 597 Message: 607

Yep, and that is exactly what I am going to do. But no snow coach, will be op.
from 3000' at parking area if wx is good.

ed

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From: wu1bmobile <barcthom@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Tue, December 14, 2010 3:55:24 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Kakabeka Provincial Park Activation Soon

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608. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-14 22:44:51 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 608

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /QuebecParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : martingillen <va3sie@...>
Description : Province of Quebec

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/QuebecParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

martingillen <va3sie@...>

609. Upcoming park activation - Gatineau Park, QC.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-15 04:08:58 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 609 Message: 609

Hi,

These Canadian QRP operators are operating from a 'Cabin in the woods' from Gatineau Park, Quebec for the Radio Amateurs of Canada Winter Contest and then from the nearby picnic area for the QRP Polar Bear Moonlight Madness event. (from about 2100Z on the 17th December to 2100Z on 18th December).

Hoping to learn a bit of winter camping craft at the same time.

We will update QRPSPOTS whenever we're not actively calling CQ in the contest.

I have updated my blog with our plan here:

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=697

We'll all be calling 'CQ RAC DE VA2BBW/P' (We're using Ante VA2BBW's call) so if you hear VA2BBW stop by and say hello.

We are:

* Ante VA2BBW
* Martin VA3SIE
* Marc VA3UMP
* Scott VE3VVF
* Eric VA3AMX

Looks like we're getting ~20°F during the day and ~9°F during the night.

Should be a fun one!

73
Martin.
VA3SIE.

610. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-15 21:53:04 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 610

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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File : /QuebecParks&ActivationInfo.xls
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Regards,

martingillen <va3sie@...>

611. Park Activation Questions - K4MIA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-16 03:06:31 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 611 Message: 611

Hello,
Just found this sight (sounds great). I have a few questions. I would like to activate a new park. Do I just post a planned activation date and then post a copy of my log after activation to this sight? I am in Florida and I see N4NSS has the Florida park list, do I need to send him the info? Finally is there an offical POTA website? Look forward to putting some parks on the air from Florida.
73 TNX Mike K4MIA

612. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Park Activation Questions - K4MIA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-16 05:10:43 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 611 Message: 612

Mike:

We are still working on a webpage so for now the yahoo group is home.
Yes just let us know what time and day you will be activating a Park. Kyle
has graciously taken on the task of taking care of a number of the US Parks
to keep things the same. You can send him your log information and then a
number will be assigned to the Park after 5 QSO have been made from that
Park, if the Park already has an activation number you can also send that in
your report to the station you are working...

Hope this helps

Fred VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

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On Thu, 16 Dec 2010 03:06:31 -0000
"RadioMB53" <Radiomb@...> wrote:
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613. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Park Activation Questions - K4MIA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-16 11:38:25 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 611 Message: 613

YAY I was beginning to think that there was only me and kyle in florida haha..

Welcome aboard, yea like fred said, pick a park, work it, send your log into kyle he'll take care of the rest.

Hope to work you soon...

charlie

614. Re: Park Activation Questions - K4MIA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-16 14:21:16 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 611 Message: 614

Greetings Mike K4MIA,

I heartily say that because like Charlie said he and I plus one other were about the only POTA's our there in sunny Florida doing parks.
I just got back to work from a 16 day vacation. Too bad it was so darn cold, I wanted to work a couple more parks while I had the time.
The hamshack was straightened up and completed a few projects while staying warm inside.

I will be looking foreward to seeing which parks you plan on knocking off in your area.

Just FYI: I am creating a list of county parks and preserves just for Florida so if you do a county park or preserve let me know as well as State and National parks.

73,

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615. Re: Park Activation Questions - K4MIA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-17 06:01:47 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 611 Message: 615

Thanks for the replies and welcomes. Will get out soon, might have to be after Christmas. Glad I found POTA. I was going to activate some islands for USI program, but any island that has a bridge or walk way to it in Florida has been taken (do not own a boat hi hi). Found one that has a water taxi that a friend K4NYC and I are going to activate. It is Deefield island park, think it is a county park. I will post before I activate. I run a special event station (K4MIA) every year to honor our POWs and MIAs, it is very rewarding. Been a ham since 1967 and love any thing to do with radio. Florida Power and Light is putting a BIG dent in my operations. I have sever RFI from the power lines. With the ARRL and now FCC help (Laura Smith) FPL has been working to fix it. This has been going on for all most 2 years. FPL fixes a pole or 2 and 3 more go bad. They found 4 more bad poles today, hopeful this will help. So during times that it has me shut down at home I can hit the parks. I want to buy or make a buddy pole. See what I can find at Orlando Hamcation. If any one is going can have a eyeball.

73 Mike K4MIA

616. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-18 01:46:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 616

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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File : /Park Reference Files/ArizonaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Arizona State Parks & Activation Info

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

617. Activation John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park - Florida Keys - Today

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-19 11:36:55 UTC
From: k4kgg
Topic: 617 Message: 617

I plan a first activation of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Florida today. Pennekamp is the US first underwater Park established in 1963 with the goal of protecting the coral reef there. Pennekamp is a divers' Mecca.
Pennekamp is on Key Largo, an island, so I will also be activating it as IOTA NA-62.
I will operate as close to the IOTA frequency of 14.260 as I can. Please stop by for some sunshine and salt air.

K4KGG, Larry

618. Re: Activation John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park - Florida Keys - Today

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-19 14:19:05 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 617 Message: 618

Larry,

Looks like you are our most southern POTA operator. I have you logged on the List and it's ready for your QSO log.
Kyle N4NSS

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> K4KGG, Larry
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619. Successful Activation John Pennekamp State Park, Key Largo, FL

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-20 01:15:27 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 619 Message: 619

All -

It was a beautiful sunshine and sea breeze filled day at John Pennekamp SP in Key Largo in the Florida Keys. I operated portable with power from a Honda 1000i into a Elecraft K3. 100 watts fed a quarter wave vertical ground plane antenna for 20 with a wire element hung from a Spiderbeam fiberglass pole and 4 elevated radials. Being close to salt water noticeably enhanced the performance of this modest antenna. Thanks again to my Elmer, N2PK.
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K4KGG, Larry

620. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-20 14:33:14 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 620

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

621. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation John Pennekamp State Park, Key Largo, FL

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-20 14:34:59 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 619 Message: 621

Nice job....Florida file updated.

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Sun, 12/19/10, llibsch <llibsch@...> wrote:

From: llibsch <llibsch@bellsouth.net>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation John Pennekamp State Park, Key Largo, FL
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Sunday, December 19, 2010, 8:15 PM

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622. Logo ?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-20 18:42:41 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 622 Message: 622

Hey! What happened to the nice stamp logo? I was hoping to see it on the group site by now.

Kyle n4NSS

623. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logo ?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-20 19:37:18 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 622 Message: 623

On 12/20/2010 13:42, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
> Hey! What happened to the nice stamp logo? I was hoping to see it on the group site by now.

i see it on parksontheair.net ..... was hoping for a sit by now heh

charlie
ai4ri

624. Re: Upcoming park activation - Gatineau Park, QC.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-23 06:34:10 UTC
From: Martin Gillen
Topic: 609 Message: 624

Hi,

We had great fun activating Gatineau Park last weekend for the RAC winter contest and the QRP polar bear moonlight madness events.

I added an entry to my blog including a video of our activity:

http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=721

73
Martin.
VA3SIE.

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "martingillen" <va3sie@...> wrote:
>
> Hi,
>
> These Canadian QRP operators are operating from a 'Cabin in the woods'
> from Gatineau Park, Quebec for the Radio Amateurs of Canada Winter
> Contest and then from the nearby picnic area for the QRP Polar Bear
> Moonlight Madness event. (from about 2100Z on the 17th December to
> 2100Z on 18th December).
>
> Hoping to learn a bit of winter camping craft at the same time.
>
> We will update QRPSPOTS whenever we're not actively calling CQ in the contest.
>
> I have updated my blog with our plan here:
>
> http://va3sie.blogsite.org/?p=697
>
> We'll all be calling 'CQ RAC DE VA2BBW/P' (We're using Ante VA2BBW's
> call) so if you hear VA2BBW stop by and say hello.
>
> We are:
>
> * Ante VA2BBW
> * Martin VA3SIE
> * Marc VA3UMP
> * Scott VE3VVF
> * Eric VA3AMX
>
> Looks like we're getting ~20°F during the day and ~9°F during the night.
>
> Should be a fun one!
>

> 73
> Martin.
> VA3SIE.
>

625. New feature at the K3UK Sked Page

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-23 17:38:12 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 625 Message: 625

One more new feature at the K3UK Sked Page. We have now implemented a SMS Alert feature, you can receive a text message to your mobile phone whenever a needed USA State, DXCC entity , or USA County logs on to the sked page. You can specify which sked page your want the alert to be associated with (SKCC, LoTW, QRP, FISTS, Digitalradio, etc). To set-up your alerts, just click on EDIT at the bottom of your screen and then ALERTS. The Sked Page is at http://www.obriensweb.com/sked .

Andy K3UK

N4NSS kyle fwrd this

626. Happy Holidays

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-24 17:48:55 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 626 Message: 626

My family would like to take this time to wish all of you a Happy and Merry Christmas. If travelling stay safe. All the best for 2011.

Fred VE3FAL
YouKits Canada Rep.

627. Duluth City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-24 18:55:48 UTC
From: Steve
Topic: 627 Message: 627

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Many improvement to the rig are planned as time, money and ability permit.

I hope to work many of you in the future as this group develops.

73,
Steve KD0ETC

628. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Duluth City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-24 19:09:48 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 627 Message: 628

Would be interested in knowing what type of antenna you are using Steve.
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----- Original Message -----
From: Steve
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Friday, December 24, 2010 1:55 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Duluth City Parks

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629. Merry Christmas!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-24 19:19:15 UTC
From: Warren Rowe
Topic: 629 Message: 629

From my family and household to yours...wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

Warren Rowe, WR1TX
Taylor, Texas

630. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Duluth City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-24 20:28:54 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 627 Message: 630

Hello, Fred. Good to hear from you.
I developed a portable vertical that has worked very well for me for me, primarily on 20 meters but with the coil I made it will load down to 40.
You can see pictures of my rig on QRZ (KD0ETC).
Overall it is 14 feet tall and is made from a 5 foot hustler mast on the bottom, then the coil and an 8.5 foot one piece ss whip from Radio Shack.
You could use a telescoping mast on top also. That would make it better when working 17 m to 6 m.
And a lot smaller coil could also be wound for just 20 and up. I will do that for next season since I rarely do 40 meters.
the coil is wound on a 3 inch diameter vitamin bottle and is about 4 inches long.
The base is made of 3/8 steel rod, about a foot long as a spike to drive into the ground. A mirror mount bolts on to that with a quick connect for the mast.
I use 16 radials in bundles of 4. They are 14 feet long. Sometimes I use more but it is hard to tell if it makes any difference.
The radials are #18 lamp cord. Gold color, but that is not important.

To carry it I snap the sections apart, bundle up the wires and velcro the whole thing together. It looks like I am going fishing with the tool box radio and the antennas. Sometimes if I need a pad to sit on I will wrap a piece of auto carpet around it.

With the radio box and alice frame, my lunch and a bottle of water the whole things weights 30 pounds. NiMH batteries.

Thats it. If I was hiking long distances I would want to redo everything to cut the weight. So far my longest hike has been 1 1/2 miles in.

I like this POTA idea. I seldom have had trouble making contacts, but knowing there are others interested in working parks will make it more fun, like the Lighthouse group.

73, Steve

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Fri, December 24, 2010 1:09:48 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Duluth City Parks

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631. Re: Happy Holidays

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-26 01:31:42 UTC
From: RadioMB
Topic: 626 Message: 631

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Happy New Years to all the POTAers. CU on the air.
73 Mike K4MIA

632. Re: Duluth City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-26 01:49:35 UTC
From: RadioMB
Topic: 627 Message: 632

Welcome Steve,
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73 Mike K4MIA

633. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Duluth City Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-26 04:57:41 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 627 Message: 633

Hello Mike.
It is great radio sport getting out to the lighthouses. On Monday I will go up to Split rock lighthouse for a few hours around noon. then on Wednesday I will do the three lights in Duluth, hopefully with my granddaughter Desiree along..
I also plan on hiking out to usa 499 on wednesday. that is a rare one so I will listen for your callsign.
Maybe with my new Sorel boots I will activate a few city parks this winter also. If the ice fishermen can get out there, I can do it too. How about a category of "Portable on the Ice"?

73 Steve KD0ETC

From: RadioMB <Radiomb@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Sat, December 25, 2010 7:49:35 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Duluth City Parks

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634. OFF TOPIC: Looking for wireless router advice

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-29 15:43:56 UTC
From: va7gg
Topic: 634 Message: 634

Have just installed an Apple Airport Extreme wireless router.
Works like a champ, very happy with the device.
Till I turned on the rig...birdies all over 20m!!
Are any of my fellow hams using the same router without the birdie problem?
Any alternate recommendations for a dual band wireless N router?

Thanks and Happy New Year to all...

John, VE3KKQ

635. Re: OFF TOPIC: Looking for wireless router advice

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2010-12-30 18:25:38 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 634 Message: 635

I found this info and I hope to try it myself.

From Larry W7IUV.

"Is your ethernet connection between the router and the computer set for
100bT or 10Bt? If it is set for 100 MHz (or auto select), go into your
device manager and change the network interface card to manually select
10bT, 10 MHz speed. That usually fixes most of my problems with routers."

The 100bT speed is clocking at very high speeds and the rise
time of the clock signals is very fast. Any fast rise time data/clock
will produce harmonics and mixes of those harmonics all over the
spectrum. The 10bT clock is slower and therefor generates less crap.
It's not guaranteed to eliminate everything all the time, but it sure helps.

BTW, ferrites can't possibly work in this situation, the common mode
impedances are all wrong."

73, Larry

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966
GORC #126, PB #117, SKCC #3595, P.O.T.A.
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

636. RE: {Disarmed} [p_o_t_a_] Re: OFF TOPIC: Looking for wireless router advice

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-03 15:11:12 UTC
From: John
Topic: 634 Message: 636

Thank you for your suggestion or advice regarding the RFI from the Apple AirPort Extreme.

I have solved my problem in simplest manor possible, I took the unit back to the store and set up the wireless router the fancy one was to replace.

I also tried a D-Link DIR-825, no joy there either.

Seems fancy don't work in the country!!

I figured that would be the best way to temporarily deal with the RFI as most stores have a 30 day limit (purchased 2 weeks before Christmas) for returns and really didn't want to go back to the stores to stand in the snail paced queue to return items after Christmas.

Could have ordered chokes but the return time limit was a concern if the chokes did not work out.

I live out in the country and as it was the Christmas/New Year season, I was not going to make the trip to the "big city" in search of snap-on chokes, too many people in a hurry.

Moving the router wasn't an option as it would have been roughly the same distance from the ham shack no matter where in the house the unit was placed.

We will be moving to another house soon and hopefully it can be wired with CAT6 shielded cable.

The original unit, a D-Link DI-524 does have the very same birdies at the very same locations although these are marginally above the noise level of the FT-857D receiver. Some suggested that I was picking up the RFI on my coax, I doubt that this is the case as most of my coax is under ground.

A Happy New Year wish to all for a safe and DX loaded new year.

John, VE3KKQ

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
Kyle N4NSS
Sent: 30 December, 2010 1:26 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: {Disarmed} [p_o_t_a_] Re: OFF TOPIC: Looking for wireless router advice

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GORC <http://wa3wsj.org/GORC.html> #126, PB
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<http://www.skccgroup.com/> #3595, P.O.T.A
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/> .

NAQCC <http://home.windstream.net/yoel/> #2019, FPQRP
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637. [p_o_t_a_] City Parks On The Air Yahoo Group

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-04 19:07:00 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 637 Message: 637

Ok gang, to facilitate and help those whom can only get to City or Rural
Parks I am going to start a Yahoo Group to accomodate these folks.
First order of business will be to define what is an actual City Park
(Should not be hard to do)
I am avery busy and I wont have any time however to think about activations
or a number scheme if that is even needed.
The main purpose will be for those to coordinate times and dates of these
activations.
This is not to take away from POTA by no means, just a kind jesture to those
like my friend South of me in Minnesota who has Parks in his backyard.
I will try and get the yahoo Group up in the next day or two and will post
here and at the GORC site as well.
Spread the word.

Cheers and Happy 2011

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Thu, 16 Dec 2010 00:10:43 -0500
"Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
Mike:

We are still working on a webpage so for now the yahoo group is home.
Yes just let us know what time and day you will be activating a Park. Kyle
has graciously taken on the task of taking care of a number of the US Parks
to
keep things the same. You can send him your log information and then a
number
will be assigned to the Park after 5 QSO have been made from that Park, if
the
Park already has an activation number you can also send that in your report
to
the station you are working...

Hope this helps

Fred VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member

SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
DEC Amethyst District ARES

On Thu, 16 Dec 2010 03:06:31 -0000
"RadioMB53" <Radiomb@...> wrote:
Hello,
Just found this sight (sounds great). I have a few questions. I would like
to activate a new park. Do I just post a planned activation date and then post
a copy of my log after activation to this sight? I am in Florida and I see
N4NSS has the Florida park list, do I need to send him the info? Finally is
there an offical POTA website? Look forward to putting some parks on the air
from Florida.
73 TNX Mike K4MIA

638. City Parks ON The Air (C.P.O.T.A.)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-04 22:03:15 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 638 Message: 638

Here you go Steve and gang...

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/

Cheers
Fred Lesnick VE3FAL

639. First Activation of 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-05 03:33:06 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 639 Message: 639

Hello Gang,
Will be activating the first park of 2011 (I think). Tomorrow Jan 5 I will be operating from John D MacArthur Beach State Park in Florida. Will start around 11 am EST. Frequencies will be 14.265 and 18.140. Hope to work some of you from there.

73 Mike K4MIA

640. Fort DeSoto County park Today 1-5-11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-05 13:24:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 640 Message: 640

Fort DeSoto County park Today 1-5-11

I will be at Fort DeSoto County park
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_ft_desoto.htm> from 11:00 EST
(1600Z) until I quit.

This is an impromptu fishing DX expedition...You have to find me....CW
/SSB 40m, 20m.

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/>

N4NSS Kyle

641. Today I was at Fort DeSoto Park which is now FLPIN001.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-05 23:21:31 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 641 Message: 641

Today I was at Fort DeSoto Park which is now FLPIN001.

I had trouble setting up but settled with one of my back up antennas.
The following contacts made on 20 meters SSB at 100watts with my Icom
7000 and mobile antenna on tripod.

W7TX Ken Tucson,AZ
W8QB Doug Flower Mound,TX
KJ4YHH Dave Oakhill,VA I was his first QSO as a Ham
EC1KR Jesus Spain
KB2NQE Gary South Wales,NY
Check out the file on the site:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/>

N4NSS Kyle

642. Re: [p_o_t_a_] City Parks On The Air Yahoo Group

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 01:20:10 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 637 Message: 642

Fred,
Thanks for setting this up. I will post my activations when I decide to get out portable again. right now 0 degrees F is too cold for an outing. I did a day at 30 degrees and that was fun. Maybe in February.
Eventually I will get my Duluth Park activities log together and send them to you. For now catching up on my ARLHS QSL cards is the priority.
BTW, Is there a membership number I can get for the POTA group?
Steve
KD0ETC

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tue, January 4, 2011 1:07:00 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] City Parks On The Air Yahoo Group

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 03:32:14 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 637 Message: 643

Steve,

Use the .xls file I sent you and post it with your Duluth Park activities.

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--- On Wed, 1/5/11, Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:

From: Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] City Parks On The Air Yahoo Group
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2011, 8:20 PM

Fred,
Thanks for setting this up. I will post my activations when I decide to get out portable again. right now 0 degrees F is too cold for an outing. I did a day at 30 degrees and that was fun. Maybe in February.
Eventually I will get my Duluth Park activities log together and send them to you. For now catching up on my ARLHS QSL cards is the priority.
BTW,   Is there a membership number I can get for the POTA group?
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644. John D Mac Arthur Beach State Park successfully activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 06:16:45 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 644 Message: 644

John D Mac Arthur Beach State Park in Florida was successfully activated. Today was a good operation from the beach, my first portable operation. I worked mostly 17 meters. Tried 20 meters but learned I have some work to do on my antenna. Antenna is just a whip on 17 and 20. Worked good on 17 meters. 17 was open with a lot of DX. On 20 meters many stations I called saying just could not pull me out. So looking for antenna that is horizontally polarized so I can better work US stations. You Canada guys came through just fine on the vertical. When I got home I had an email from a station that wanted to set up a schedule. So next time I will post the activation a few days in advance just in case someone wants to set up a schedule. I am building a go box to house the rig, antenna tuner, SWR meter, and other stuff. So looks like I got hooked on something new. This should be fun. Below is a copy of my log. I will be activating another park in a few weeks. 73 for now.

Mike K4MIA

12.40 VE3AD 18.145 Peter ON,Canada
12.49 F6IGS 18.135 Gerry France
01:08 K9AQ 18.140 Don Dousman,WI
01:53 W4YFZ 14.307 Leon Fulton,TX
01:58 W2V 14.287 Phil Long Island,NY
02:06 WB9UIU 14:247 Ken Fort Worth,TX
02:10 W5DNT 18.120 Dan Granbury,TX
02:29 VE1QD 18:153 Scott NS,Canada
03:10 FM1AG 18.150 Jean-Luis Martinique
03:20 J88CG 18:130 Ricky St Vincent
04:10 W9ZX 14:203 John Leansboro,IL

645. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 14:07:12 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 645

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

646. USFL007 Now Activated Florida State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 14:09:03 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 646 Message: 646

Atta Boy Mike keep knocking 'em off.

N4NSS Kyle

647. [p_o_t_a_] Webpage and POTA Logo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 16:10:15 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 647 Message: 647

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648. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Webpage and POTA Logo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 16:28:19 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 647 Message: 648

I have all of the tecnical work done for the logging.

But i dont think there was a final official decision on the logo

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From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
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649. Re: John D Mac Arthur Beach State Park successfully activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 16:58:52 UTC
From: Lawrence Libsch
Topic: 644 Message: 649

Mike -

Congrats on your first activation. I listened for you, but I'm inside the skip here in Boca.

Larry

650. POTA logo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 18:10:06 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 650 Message: 650

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Barclay/wu1b

651. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA logo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 18:20:32 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 650 Message: 651

Make a POLL with the various pictures of the LOGO.

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Thu, 1/6/11, wu1bmobile <barcthom@...> wrote:

From: wu1bmobile <barcthom@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] POTA logo
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Thursday, January 6, 2011, 1:10 PM

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652. Parks in Ohio...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 18:39:26 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 652 Message: 652

Can somebody tell me what Parks have been activated in Ohio and by whom???

I can NOT read .xls files...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

N8OFS/8{FINDLEY OHIO STATE PARK}[SMIRK#6737]
DATE:JAN22 1900Z-2300Z 2011
OPRS:N8OFS(ANDY)
QSLM:N8OFS(ANDY)
GRID:EN81VD
FREQ:50.125USB
PWR:90W
ANT:PAROA50@13ft
URL:http://mmmonvhf.de/latest.php?id=3595

653. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks in Ohio...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-06 19:23:06 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 652 Message: 653
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Here is a PDF file of the Ohio State Parks

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654. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Webpage and POTA Logo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-07 00:34:53 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 647 Message: 654

No we didn’t pick a winner, and im waiting for the page too..

Charlie
Ai4ri

655. Anyone portable fri. 1/7 today

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-07 14:56:01 UTC
From: Mike Rodgers
Topic: 655 Message: 655

I'm in the shack today. Anyone activating parks or working portable
today?
I saw it on the radio!

Happy QSO'ing. Mike R

656. Re: Anyone portable fri. 1/7 today

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-07 15:12:40 UTC
From: Steve
Topic: 655 Message: 656

Mike,
Not today, but Sunday looks good for me to do the Lake Superior Zoo.
This is in Duluth, Mn and is a city park. I have worked from about 70 other parks in town during the past summer and want to try some "Portable In The Snow", PITS for short. Weather is expected to be sunny, high of 13 deg F., with a light north breeze.

I usually work 20 meters. Does the group favor a certain frequency range?

Steve, KD0ETC

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657. Rules

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-07 18:54:47 UTC
From: Steve
Topic: 657 Message: 657

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Or are there no rules and what constitutes operating at a park entirely up to the interpretation of the Ham?

Thanks for the help
Steve, KD0ETC

658. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Rules

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-07 19:14:41 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 657 Message: 658

Hi Steve,

The expectation is that the ham operates from within the confines of the park. Sheltering (including stationary mobile) is up to the weather and the operator's comfort zone therewith. Although it's also true that part of the fun is interacting with other park visitors as well as with rangers whose curiosity gets piqued by the antennas and staticky sounds coming from nearby.

Since we're just visitors who happen to be hams, yep, we pay the fees (OK, at least I do, I can't speak for everyone). Here in Massachusetts, I'll pick up an annual state-park pass once the weather get a bit more encouraging. As for permission, I've never needed to ask. But then the parks I've activated have been large with plenty of picnic areas and open space. If someone is planning a trip to a very small state park centered around some historic building, it might be wise to get permission first, or just operate from the parking lot as stationary mobile. Others may have wiser counsel.

Hope this helps...

With best regards,

Pete

----- Original Message -----
From: "Steve" <kenwest821@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, January 7, 2011 1:54:47 PM
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659. Re: USFL007 Now Activated Florida State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-07 19:24:23 UTC
From: RadioMB
Topic: 646 Message: 659

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660. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: USFL007 Now Activated Florida State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-07 20:17:05 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 646 Message: 660

I too have found doing parks something fun in ham radio, besides antennas, CW, PSK, TFC, building stuff, and making new friends.

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661. Re: John D Mac Arthur Beach State Park successfully activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-09 06:52:57 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 644 Message: 661

Hello Larry,
Yes to close. Looks like we are about 35 air miles apart. I will send you a note off group. Maybe we can get on a repeater or meet at Hamcation if you are going. I will try the arrl.net email. If you do not get it drop an email Radiomb@....

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662. Re: City-County Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-09 14:32:45 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 662 Message: 662

Kyle,
I am prepared now to travel to the Lake Superior Zoo today, 9 Jan 10, and should be set up and operating outside by 1700 utc.
Listen for me on 20 meters, starting higher in the band, around 14.320 and up as conditions require.
Lake Superior Zoo is also Fairmont Park and both are city parks in Duluth, MN.
I expect to be there no more than two hours.
Weather today: :Mostly sunny, with a high near 17F. West wind between 5 and 10 mph." Currently -2F
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From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
To: Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...>
Sent: Sun, January 9, 2011 7:31:55 AM
Subject: Re: City-County Parks

Where will I go next? Hmmm. Don't know, but if it warms up I will go camping at a state park and spend two nights. I need to keep activating the important parks.

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>From: Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...>
>Subject: Re: City-County Parks
>To: "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...>
>Date: Friday, January 7, 2011, 1:28 PM
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>Kyle, Yes I saw, and you had a Spain. Congrats.
>Where will you go next?
>My wife and I would like to do a getaway soon, and I was thinking maybe
>Voyageurs National Park. I could work that and I bet the POTA group would like
>to have the contact.
>Steve
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From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
>To: Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...>
>Sent: Fri, January 7, 2011 10:42:09 AM
>Subject: City-County Parks
>
>
>Steve,
>Did you notice...I did my first county park? It was impromtu but I managed to
>get five contacts and made it the first in the state....this parks thing is fun!
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663. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Park Description

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-13 05:07:41 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 663 Message: 663

Wiki Says

"A park is a protected area, in its natural or semi-natural state, or planted, and set aside for human recreation and enjoyment, or for the protection of wildlife or natural habitats. It may consist of rocks, soil, water, flora and fauna and grass areas. Many parks are legally protected by law.

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664. PIC from Findley Ohio State Park in ARRL January VHF Contest...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-23 20:53:07 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 664 Message: 664

Logs, synopsis, and comments to come later...

Being out in the cold like a knucklehead, I have come down with a nasty cold, so everything will be slightly delayed... I'll get to it between naps... Currently living on antihystimines, Coke-a-Cola, and Vodka...

http://www.noars.net/got6/N8OFS_P7.JPG

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death...

665. Re: Park Description

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-23 21:57:06 UTC
From: wildernesstrain
Topic: 663 Message: 665

HI FRED,
Hi Fred,
I'm right smack in the center where Washington and his Men Fought but I have the OK to operate at the Princeton battle grounds and another site that was found when the woods were torn down for the new highway.
Another place is Mt. Rose but a big sign thee says do nothing and leave nothing but your foot prints.
One thing I don't understand in many of these protected historic areas have had graders come through and made fine gravel roads.
At this time MT. Rose is out but I have the rest to operate and two spots are a long way from any power lines or traffic
BOB
AF2Q
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CW-QRP-Homebrewers/

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> Fred
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
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> On Thu, 06 Jan 2011 11:10:15 -0500
> "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
> Glad to see activations still taking place even though for some of us it
> is
> -23C on a daily basis for the next month anyway.

>
> Just curious about where we are with the webpage and if we had a vote or
> picked a winner in our logo contest(I dont want to call it that, but for
> lack
> of other words maybe competition)
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666. Activating Logs...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-24 19:05:41 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 666 Message: 666

OK gang... What format do you want my logs in from this past weekends Activation of Findley Ohio State Park???

I had 19 Qs in 2.5 hours... Had to give up early due to being kicked all over the band by people who just don't care... Plus my voice was really starting to go due to a cold I had been fighting since Thurday... This MAY be my last time on USB... After 8 years on USB, I can no longer stand the noize, so I am going to FM exclusivly after my tri-park activation in June, and mabey Geneva Ohio State Park for OSPOTA and the September VHF Contest...

PeAcE...

Andy N8OFS/8 GOT6???

667. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activating Logs...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-24 20:45:09 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 666 Message: 667

You can list:
Date:
Time UTC:
Calls:
RST:
Name:
QTH:
send info to me
and adi.file to Jeff

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NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

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--- On Mon, 1/24/11, n8ofs@... <n8ofs@...> wrote:

From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com <n8ofs@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Activating Logs...
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc: "Dave" <va3rj@...>
Date: Monday, January 24, 2011, 2:05 PM

OK gang... What format do you want my logs in from this past weekends
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668. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activating Logs...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-24 20:59:56 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 666 Message: 668

> You can list:
> Date:
> Time UTC:
> Calls:
> RST:
> Name:
> QTH:
> send info to me
> and adi.file to Jeff
>
OK... Working on it right now... ADIF file will be a little later...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

> Kyle N4NSS

669. Findley Ohio State Park Activation Info...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-24 21:52:26 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 669 Message: 669

So this is USOH003 I guess...
Call used was N8OFS/8, not N8OFS/R (since it was the ARRL January VHF Contest)...

January 22 2011 19:02 KA8CNI EN81vd Brian EN91cf
January 22 2011 19:08 KB8VAO EN81vd Steve EN91pb
January 22 2011 19:10 K8AB EN81vd Dick EN91dj
January 22 2011 19:12 N8BI EN81vd Jack EN91jm
January 22 2011 19:23 W8PT EN81vd Chuck EN91lk
January 22 2011 19:24 K8WW EN81vd Dave EN81vj
January 22 2011 19:25 KB8UUZ EN81vd Tom EN91kg
January 22 2011 19:26 WN8R EN81vd Rod EN91lh
January 22 2011 19:28 KD8IME EN81vd Bob EN71sp
January 22 2011 19:35 KB8O EN81vd Jay EN81wi
January 22 2011 19:38 N8LOT EN81vd Kevin EN91da
January 22 2011 19:40 W8IDM EN81vd Don EN91ai
January 22 2011 19:44 K8MR EN81vd Jim EN91gk
January 22 2011 20:22 W8KX EN81vd John EN72uj
January 22 2011 20:29 W8MFU EN81vd Ray EN91bf
January 22 2011 20:45 N8XQM EN81vd Doug EN80xv
January 22 2011 20:52 N8KOL EN81vd Keith EN80ss
January 22 2011 21:02 K8TQK EN81vd Glenn EM89je
January 22 2011 21:07 K8WFN EN81vd Gary EN90jh

Too bad I got too sick and tired or I would have done better... Ohhh well, better luck next time... I did manage to work alot of old friends...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til death...

670. Findley Ohio State Park Activation Info...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-24 21:37:54 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 669 Message: 670

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671. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-25 19:01:24 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 671

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /OhioStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Ohio State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/OhioStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

672. Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-28 22:33:34 UTC
From: skos@bellsouth.net
Topic: 672 Message: 672

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If there's any interest I can confirm and I'll post a schedule and some frequencies later tonight

Thanks,

Kos - N4NIA

673. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-29 02:45:59 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 672 Message: 673

Kos,
Be sure to announce your freqs and times....Have fun and hope you have great propagation.

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From: "skos@..." <skos@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 5:33 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

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674. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-29 04:49:33 UTC
From: S Kosmetatos
Topic: 672 Message: 674

I'm going to scale this back a tad and work from Ft Yargo State Park in Georgia, which is closer to home. I will plan on being setup and on the air between 1 pm and 3 pm eastern, but I may run earlier and stay later. The park is located 40 miles northeast of Atlanta in grid EM83.

I'll be working PSK31 on 21.070, 14.070 and 7.070. If things get boring I may try 18.100 – I'll be hopping around based on activity, and I'll be actively calling.

The setup will be a K3 with a Buddipole running from a deep cycle battery using about 40-50 watts.

Call me if you hear me!

Kos, N4NIA

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Kyle N4NSS
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 9:46 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

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675. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-30 01:37:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 675

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /GeorgiaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : skos@... <skos@...>
Description : Georgia State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/GeorgiaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

skos@... <skos@...>

676. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-30 02:03:30 UTC
From: S Kosmetatos
Topic: 672 Message: 676

Activation Report – Ft Yargo SP, Georgia

I was about thirty minutes behind schedule in setting up, but everything went up and the equipment came up without issue. The two picnic areas that were on relatively high ground at Ft Yargo SP were closed, so I had to work from one near the lake, which was on sloping ground in a depression. There were large pines around, and I was initially skeptical as to how things would work out.

There were a number of strong signals from Brazil and Cuba. Calling CQ yielded little action, so I replied to the DX stations when they would CQ, and started having some success in getting through. 20m was crowded, and an occasional strong station was able to wipe everyone out. I managed to work them, then moved on to 15m to work an additional few stations. 40, 10, and 17 showed no activity. Later I came back to 20 to work some US stations, including a couple working the Winter Field Day.

The setup was a K3 with the Buddipole, powered by a deep cycle battery. I used Ham Radio Deluxe, and found that the automatic logging for the digital contacts was quite handy. Most of the stations were worked with about 50 watts, with a tweak to 100 watts a couple times when my signal wasn’t quite up to getting through. I also found that rotating the antenna was helpful for a few contacts that didn’t initially reply.

Those of you up north may appreciate we had a warm day here in the upper sixties, so it was a great day to be in the park.

Contacts:

Call TIME Freq Mode Loc

RB1REQ 21:56 14.070 PSK31 MA

CU5AQ 19:24 14.070 PSK31 Azores

EB1CAM 19:30 14.070 PSK31 Spain

W1GLO 19:39 14.070 PSK31 MA

CO4SM 20:14 14.070 PSK31 Cuba

W2ACY 20:26 14.070 PSK31 TX

TG9AHM 20:41 21.070 PSK31 Guatemala

ZP6VT 20:56 21.070 PSK31 Paraguay

PU2WDX 21:03 21.070 PSK31 Brazil

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PV8ADI 20:03 14.070 PSK31 Brazil

Special surprise from EB1CAM: I uploaded the contacts to LoTW when I got home, and found that he had beaten me to it. Got an instant confirmation for Spain. Thanks.

73, Kos N4NIA

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of S Kosmetatos
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 11:50 PM
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Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

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Call me if you hear me!

Kos, N4NIA

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677. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-30 02:35:25 UTC
From: Jeremy Breef-Pilz
Topic: 672 Message: 677

Kos,

I can tell you the first call is a typo, since it is mine! Thanks for
giving me my first POTA QSO while I was playing around with the winter field
day on psk. You were 100% copyable up here, sounds like
a successful activation to me.

73, Jeremy Breef-Pilz
*K*B1REQ

On Sat, Jan 29, 2011 at 21:03, S Kosmetatos <skos@...> wrote:

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678. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-30 03:11:37 UTC
From: S Kosmetatos
Topic: 672 Message: 678

Thanks for the QSO - yeah, I realized the error when I saw my email come back through the reflector. It's correct in the log and in the POTA activation file. Hope you had success in the FD activities. I think you were the FD station that had to coax my class out of me. Hope it was worth a point or two.

'73, Kos

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
Jeremy Breef-Pilz
Sent: Saturday, January 29, 2011 9:35 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Kos,

I can tell you the first call is a typo, since it is mine! Thanks for giving me my first POTA QSO while I was playing around with the winter field day on psk. You were 100% copyable up here, sounds like a successful activation to me.

73, Jeremy Breef-Pilz

KB1REQ

On Sat, Jan 29, 2011 at 21:03, S Kosmetatos <skos@...> wrote:

Activation Report - Ft Yargo SP, Georgia

I was about thirty minutes behind schedule in setting up, but everything went up and the equipment came up without issue. The two picnic areas that were on relatively high ground at Ft Yargo SP were closed, so I had to work from one near the lake, which was on sloping ground in a depression. There were large pines around, and I was initially skeptical as to how things would work out.

There were a number of strong signals from Brazil and Cuba. Calling CQ yielded little action, so I replied to the DX stations when they would CQ, and started having some success in getting through. 20m was crowded, and an occasional strong station was able to wipe everyone out. I managed to work them, then moved on to 15m to work an additional few stations. 40, 10, and 17 showed no activity. Later I came back to 20 to work some US stations, including a couple working the Winter Field Day.

The setup was a K3 with the Buddipole, powered by a deep cycle battery. I used Ham Radio Deluxe, and found that the automatic logging for the digital contacts was quite handy. Most of the stations were worked with about 50 watts, with a tweak to 100 watts a couple times when my signal wasn't quite

up to getting through. I also found that rotating the antenna was helpful for a few contacts that didn't initially reply.

Those of you up north may appreciate we had a warm day here in the upper sixties, so it was a great day to be in the park.

Contacts:

Call TIME Freq Mode Loc

RB1REQ 21:56 14.070 PSK31 MA

CU5AQ 19:24 14.070 PSK31 Azores

EB1CAM 19:30 14.070 PSK31 Spain

W1GLO 19:39 14.070 PSK31 MA

CO4SM 20:14 14.070 PSK31 Cuba

W2ACY 20:26 14.070 PSK31 TX

TG9AHM 20:41 21.070 PSK31 Guatemala

ZP6VT 20:56 21.070 PSK31 Paraguay

PU2WDX 21:03 21.070 PSK31 Brazil

KK7YC 21:12 21.070 PSK31 OR

K5AUW 21:27 14.070 PSK31 TX

PV8ADI 20:03 14.070 PSK31 Brazil

Special surprise from EB1CAM: I uploaded the contacts to LoTW when I got home, and found that he had beaten me to it. Got an instant confirmation for Spain. Thanks.

73, Kos N4NIA

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
S Kosmetatos
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 11:50 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

I'm going to scale this back a tad and work from Ft Yargo State Park in Georgia, which is closer to home. I will plan on being setup and on the air between 1 pm and 3 pm eastern, but I may run earlier and stay later. The park is located 40 miles northeast of Atlanta in grid EM83.

I'll be working PSK31 on 21.070, 14.070 and 7.070. If things get boring I may try 18.100 - I'll be hopping around based on activity, and I'll be actively calling.

The setup will be a K3 with a Buddipole running from a deep cycle battery using about 40-50 watts.

Call me if you hear me!

Kos, N4NIA

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Kyle N4NSS
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 9:46 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Kos,
Be sure to announce your freqs and times....Have fun and hope you have great propagation.

Kyle N4NSS <http://www.qrz.com/db/n4nss> Licensed 1966 GORC <http://wa3wsj.org/GORC.html> #126,

P.O.T.A <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/> ., C.P.O.T.A. <http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/> , PB <http://www.n3epa.org/Pages/PolarBear.htm> #117, SKCC <http://www.skccgroup.com/> #3595,

NAQCC <http://home.windstream.net/yoel/> #2019, FPQRP <http://fpqrp.com/index.php> #1766, WARC-CC <http://www.obriensweb.com/warc-cc.html> #567

Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N

My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: "skos@..." <skos@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Friday, January 28, 2011 5:33 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

I am considering going out to a park in the North Georgia Mountains tomorrow afternoon for a few hours. I thought I'd try a portable operation to "tweak" the portable station I will be using for these future trips.

I'd particularly like to operate PSK31 to get the operating and logging software working and wrung out, so I thought it would be an oportunity to make a few contacts and potentially activate something for the day.

Anyone interested in working this mode for some contacts? I was thinking 40, 20, 15 meters around the PSK31 frequencies.

If there's any interest I can confirm and I'll post a schedule and some frequencies later tonight

Thanks,

Kos - N4NIA

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Version: 10.0.1204 / Virus Database: 1435/3409 - Release Date: 01/28/11

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679. Re: Much PSK31 Interest for an activation?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-01-30 14:59:29 UTC
From: Ernest
Topic: 672 Message: 679

POTA GROUP

Please cut these extremely long copies of previous posts. Its agravating to scroll through them to find out what you are really trying to say.

73

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Ernest Gregoire

680. N8OFS/8 from Findley Ohio State Park in ARRL Jan VHF 2011 Contest Log in .adi...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-04 17:51:17 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 680 Message: 680
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Sorry for the delay... Been busy doing battle with LotW... There is no
Cabrillo file for this Contest, I NEVER enter ARRL Contests...

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Andy N8OFS GOT6???
6 til DEATH...
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt

681. Planned Activation Curry Hammock State Park, Florida Keys

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-04 22:18:47 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 681 Message: 681

Hello Group -

I plan to activate Curry Hammock State Park in the Florida Keys this Sunday afternoon Feb 6. I will work USB as close to 14.260 MHz as I can find an open frequency. Come on down and enjoy a few minutes of Florida sun on the beach at Curry Hammock.
Larry, K4KGG

682. Successful Curry Hammock State Park First Activation Feb 6 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-07 17:33:14 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 682 Message: 682

Hi All,

I had a great deal of interest in my Curry Hammock State Park activation yesterday. It was gratifying to generate a mini-pileup running barefoot with my vertical dipole for 20 m. Being on an island surrounded by salt water certainly helped. It was a beautiful day in the Florida Keys - sunshine, a light breeze from the Atlantic Ocean, temp in the low 80s. I took time to have a chat with each station. I mentioned POTA often. I could have made many more contacts if that had been the objective. Contact Summary:

All contacts Feb 6 2011. All times UTC. All contacts USB on 14259.00 MHz.

1715 W4SNL Scotty VA
1724 WA3DMT Jay MD
1732 KD0ISJ Mike MO
1737 K7HIL Michael AZ
1745 WX4ID Jack TN
1747 WJ4ID Teresa TN
1749 K3OP Don PA
1757 N3CR Larry PA
1801 N6JWN Keith VA
1805 KJ1D Rick TN
1819 AC8DU Xandle WV
1823 KC2IGH John NJ
1826 KD8DMP Jim WV
1830 N7VJ Tom ID
1833 KB1HSA Al NY
1841 W3SJT Joe DE
1843 KD5SRW John OK
1847 AJ4AQ Victor VA
1851 WA8BIJ Vince MI
1854 N2JTO John NJ

73, K4KGG, Larry

683. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Curry Hammock State Park First Activation Feb 6 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-07 18:28:59 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 682 Message: 683

congrats... keep up the good work.

charlie
ai4ri

684. Re: Successful Curry Hammock State Park First Activation Feb 6 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-08 14:08:57 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 682 Message: 684

Hello Larry,
Saw a spot for you. I heard the other station but not you. West Palm Beach is just to close to the Keys. Sounds like it was fun.

73 Mike K4MIA

685. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-08 15:34:16 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 685

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

686. Updating files

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-11 22:26:22 UTC
From: ad5it
Topic: 686 Message: 686

I am new to this group and noticed that there is a file with my state already in the files section, inside the file though not all the parks are not listed. Do I need to update it or do I submit a new file I would like to add the other parks to that file.
Jimmy
ad5it

687. Planned Activation of Long Key S P, FL, Sun afternoon Feb 13

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-11 22:48:42 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 687 Message: 687

Hello All,

I plan to activate Long Key SP in the Florida Keys, weather permitting, on Sunday afternoon, Feb 13. I will operate USB as close to 14.260 MHz as I can find an open frequency. I hope you can stop by and say hello as I attempt this first activation of Long Key SP. There should be plenty of sunshine and ocean breeze for everyone.

K4KGG, Larry

688. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Planned Activation of Long Key S P, FL, Sun afternoon Feb 13

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-12 00:22:45 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 687 Message: 688

Larry, I will be listening for you. What time do you expect to start? and what power are you using?
Tomorrow at about 1900z I will be operating outdoors portable from Birchwood city park and Boy Scout Landing in Duluth, MN. Using 100 watts into my vertical. Then on Sunday I will go up the road to Jay Cooke State Park to work from there. I have 20 State Parks within a day trip distance so as the weather warms up I expect to get a few of these on the air. Hope to hear you on 20 meters.
Steve, KD0ETC

From: llibsch <llibsch@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Fri, February 11, 2011 4:48:42 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Planned Activation of Long Key S P, FL, Sun afternoon Feb 13

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K4KGG, Larry

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with Yahoo! Mail for Mobile. Get started.
http://mobile.yahoo.com/mail

689. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Updating files

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-12 02:07:23 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 686 Message: 689

Jimmy,

Greetings!
If you want to create a better list of parks and be the Keeper of your State then I recommend copying the format
of what is already being used say like Florida....Be sure to copy all three sheets listed on the bottom of the
.xls file.
I have been keeping a few States myself, primarily Florida and Wisconsin.

I'm sure the group will be looking foreward to making contacts with you on your outings.

73,
Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., PB #117, SKCC #3595,
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: ad5it <ad5it@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:26 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Updating files

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Jimmy
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690. Re: Planned Activation of Long Key S P, FL, Sun afternoon Feb 13

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-12 12:59:17 UTC
From: Lawrence Libsch
Topic: 687 Message: 690

Steve -

I hope to start about noon. I'll be using 100 watts into a vertical. The vertical will be hung from a 40 foot fiberglass pole. If the wind permits, I'll use the end-fed-half-wave vertical dipole with the pole at full extension. If the wind is strong I'll use the less efficient shorter quarter wave ground plane vertical with the pole partially extended. I'll be on an island surrounded by salt water. The verticals do well near salt water.
My hat's off to you operating portable in 14 degree weather. Have fun with the Boy Scouts. Hope to work you tomorrow POTA to POTA. That would be a first for me.

Larry

691. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-12 18:11:23 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 691

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Park Reference Files/Logs/N8OFS_8_FIN_ARRL_JAN_VHF_2011_eQSL_log.adi
Uploaded by : n8ofs <n8ofs@...>
Description :

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Park%20Reference%20Files/Logs/N8OFS_8_FIN_ARRL_JAN_VHF_2011_eQSL_log.adi

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n8ofs <n8ofs@...>

692. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Planned Activation of Long Key S P, FL, Sun afternoon Feb 13

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-12 22:54:18 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 687 Message: 692

Larry, I will be listening for you after 1700z around 14.260. I expect to be working around 14.320 to 14.330 after that.
I am back now from Boy Scout Landing city park where I was on the air from 1845z to 2130z. Weather was mild, 25 deg F tops with a light breeze and a little light snow early. 16 good QSOs from Nova Scotia to California.
The rig setup worked well and I will take the same rig to Jay Cook State Park on Sunday, so I also hope for a POTA to POTA contact with you.
I find propagation to Florida and the South East is good for me using my vertical so I think we will hear each other.
Steve, KD0ETC

From: Lawrence Libsch <llibsch@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, February 12, 2011 6:59:17 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Planned Activation of Long Key S P, FL, Sun afternoon Feb 13

Steve -

I hope to start about noon. I'll be using 100 watts into a vertical. The vertical will be hung from a 40 foot fiberglass pole. If the wind permits, I'll use the end-fed-half-wave vertical dipole with the pole at full extension. If the wind is strong I'll use the less efficient shorter quarter wave ground plane vertical with the pole partially extended. I'll be on an island surrounded by salt water. The verticals do well near salt water.

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Larry

Food fight? Enjoy some healthy debate
in the Yahoo! Answers Food & Drink Q&A.
http://answers.yahoo.com/dir/?link=list&sid=396545367

693. Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-13 23:47:42 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 687 Message: 693

Larry, K4KGG
I heard you on 14.260 briefly just before you decided to change frequencies due to QRM. Another operator said you were on .266 and I listened and called but could not hear you. Your signal was a 33 for me earlier and we could have had a qso, but I could not catch you. Lets be sure to try again later this spring. I want to work more state parks and a POTA to POTA will be cool.
I had a good day and I hope you did also. I set up at a picnic table at Jay Cooke State Park with the weather a balmy 36 with a light breeze. I logged 16 contacts in 2 and a half hours, many of them quite extended QSOs. One good thing about POTA in the winter is no mosquitoes or biting flies. Still, I look forward to warmer weather and being free of Sorel boots, long underwear and double jackets.
73, and have fun in the parks.
Steve, KD0ETC

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To: p_o_t_a_@...
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&n
bsp; Larry

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694. Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-14 17:42:42 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 687 Message: 694

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:
>
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> thing about POTA in the winter is no mosquitoes or biting flies. Still, I look
> forward to warmer weather and being free of Sorel boots, long underwear and
> double jackets.
> 73, and have fun in the parks.
> Steve, KD0ETC
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> _____
> From: Lawrence Libsch <llibsch@...>
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Sent: Sat, February 12, 2011 6:59:17 AM
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Planned Activation of Long Key S P, FL, Sun afternoon
> Feb 13
>
>
> Steve -
>
> I hope to start about noon. I'll be using 100 watts into a vertical.
> The vertical will be hung from a 40 foot fiberglass pole. If the wind permits,
> I'll use the end-fed-half-wave vertical dipole with the pole at full
> extension. If the wind is strong I'll use the less efficient shorter quarter
> wave ground plane vertical with the pole partially extended. I'll be on an
> island surrounded by salt water. The verticals do well near salt water.
>
> My hat's off to you operating portable in 14 degree weather. Have fun
> with the Boy Scouts.
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> Hope to work you tomorrow POTA to POTA. That would be a first for me.
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> &n
> bsp; Larry
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-14 17:55:25 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 687 Message: 695

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696. Successful First Activation Long Key SP K4KGG Feb 13 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-14 18:45:59 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 696 Message: 696

All -

Yesterday afternoon I successfully activated Long Key SP in the Florida Keys. It was a beautiful sunny winter day with temps in the high 70s and gusty north wind. I had a bit of trouble keeping one section of the telescoping fiberglass pole from sliding down a bit and de-tuning the antenna. Steve, KD0ETC, and I had a near miss on a POTA to POTA contact. I had QSOs with several ops who are likely POTA recruits. This is my 3rd FL Keys SP activation. I hope for one more this coming weekend. My log:

All contacts Feb 13 2011

1810 W4TRH Terry KY 14.257
1816 KI4NSP Tom NC 14.257
1818 K0MAJ Ron MO 14.257
1823 N3OZT Bryan MD 14.257
1830 KF4YP Virgil KY 14.257
1834 KD8JZX Roger WV 14.257
1837 KD4AEN Dave VA 14.257
1842 KD5IMA Bruce MS 14.257
1850 N8WAC Tony OH 14.257
1857 KB2WHN Rich NY 14.257
1903 KD5SRW John TX 14.257
1921 KC8LGR Roger WV 14.266
1942 WS2A Patrick, NY 14.257
1950 KG4RUW Paul AL 14.273
2003 NP3FY Kirk Puerto Rico 14.273
2011 N2ATB Tony NJ 14.273
2016 N8XQM Doug OH 14.257
2026 K4MIA Mike FL 14.257 via relay by N8XQM

73, K4KGG, Larry

697. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-14 21:26:59 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 687 Message: 697

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-15 12:37:53 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 687 Message: 698

I might be able to get out in the afternoon to Kakabeka Provincial Park and operate for a while. Have a busy weekend but can maybe spare a few hours and ski into the Park. Will keep you folks up to date as the weekend nears and the to-do lists become more visible..

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
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http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-15 12:41:45 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 687 Message: 699

My days off ar Tuesday and Wednesday....Should be out on 15th and 16th with my new Budipole.

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., PB #117, SKCC #3595,
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 4:26 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

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700. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-15 15:11:25 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 700

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

701. Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-16 21:47:02 UTC
From: Lawrence Libsch
Topic: 687 Message: 701

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Larry, K4KGG

702. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 00:26:54 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 687 Message: 702

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Steve, KD0ETC/portable

From: Lawrence Libsch <llibsch@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Wed, February 16, 2011 3:47:02 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

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703. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 00:42:24 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 687 Message: 703

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----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Balliette
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:26 PM
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704. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 01:15:01 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 687 Message: 704

I bet it was K1MAN

Kyle N4NSS

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@tbaytel.net>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:42 PM
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 01:20:57 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 687 Message: 705

Fred, I will listen for you on Saturday. No sure where I will be, maybe at home.
The Pirate did not give a callsign.

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 01:31:49 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 687 Message: 706

Kyle, Can you hear him in Florida? Usually he is on 14.273-.275 but today it
was 14.272.
If he is known as the operator how is it that he is still doing this?

_____
From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@yahoo.com>
To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Wed, February 16, 2011 7:15:01 PM
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Date: 2011-02-17 01:37:16 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 707 Message: 707

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K4KGG

708. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Sunday Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 01:47:37 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 707 Message: 708

I recall my days when I started playing with ham radio at my High School, Selkirk Collegiate Vocational Institute or SCVI for short. The call was VE3SEC for Selkirk Electronics Club, I have that old call for my 10 meter beacon. Those were the days and used to be lots of school clubs on daily...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Balliette
To: POTA
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:37 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Sunday Parks

Larry, k4kgg
I can be at Gooseberry Falls State Park by 1700z, on sunday, set up and operating on 20 meters. First between 14.26 and 14.272; then later 14.3 to 14.4.
And what is with the guy monopolizing 14.275? He threatened me today.
Weather looks ok at 20 deg F and sunny. Cell here is 218 348-9113. I will give you a call when I get on the band.

I had a good day at a city park today, Riverside Park in Duluth. Lots of contacts and nice QSOs. It was good to hear all the students from School Clubs on getting used to the microphone.

Steve, KD0ETC/portable

From: Lawrence Libsch <llibsch@bellsouth.net>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Wed, February 16, 2011 3:47:02 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Fred, Steve -

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Larry, K4KGG

709. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 01:47:22 UTC
From: Jeremy Breef-Pilz
Topic: 687 Message: 709

It could also be a certain Canadian that likes to QRM that frequency and harass other operators.

-Jeremy Breef-Pilz

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710. Re: [p_o_t_a_] K1MAN

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 01:56:17 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 687 Message: 710

teve,
K1MAN has been broadcasting for some time now on 14.275. The FCC is on him and I have read some chatter
lately...Google K1MAN and see what you get.

Kyle N4NSS

From: Steve Balliette <kenwest821@yahoo.com>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:31 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] K1MAN

Kyle, Can you hear him in Florida? Usually he is on 14.273-.275 but today it was 14.272.
If he is known as the operator how is it that he is still doing this?

From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Wed, February 16, 2011 7:15:01 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

I bet it was K1MAN

Kyle N4NSS

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:42 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

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Steve:
What was the guys callsign.
Saturday is the best day for me, too busy on Sundays here..
I might still try Kakabeka Park saturday..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
>From: Steve Balliette
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:26 PM

>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks
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>Larry, k4kgg
>I can be at Gooseberry Falls State Park by 1700z, on sunday, set up and operating on 20 meters. First between 14.26 and 14.272; then later 14.3 to 14.4.
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>From: Lawrence Libsch <llibsch@bellsouth.net>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Wed, February 16, 2011 3:47:02 PM
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                                                                Larry,   K4KGG
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711. Re: [p_o_t_a_] K1MAN

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 01:58:38 UTC
From: Jeremy Breef-Pilz
Topic: 687 Message: 711

It could have also been a 'certain Canadian' who likes to QRM that frequency
and harass other operators.

-Jeremy Breef-Pilz

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712. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 02:22:31 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 687 Message: 712

There was a guy from out west I think that was casuing a bunch of QRM before, I recall reading that.
Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Jeremy Breef-Pilz
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc: Steve Balliette
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 8:47 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Long Key and Jay Cooke State Parks

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713. Re: K1MAN

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 09:32:17 UTC
From: Ernest
Topic: 687 Message: 713

Hello Group,

I was operating portable in Old Town, Florida today and heard K1MAN on 14.272.00

The FCC is on to him, His license expired in 2005. He is under consideration by the FCC for them not renewing his license because of the broadcasting. He has been doing this for 20 year that I have been a ham,

Eventually, they will silence him but it has been a very long time in the works. Ham radio has suffered his qrm for way too long.

Good riddance to him when the finally get him off the air.

73

de AA1IK

Ernest Gregoire

714. Fw: New BBpole

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 18:32:12 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 714 Message: 714
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2011 1:23 PM
Subject: New BBpole

I was at the south end of the Skyway bridge.

Kyle N4NSS

715. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Fw: New BBpole

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-17 23:25:46 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 714 Message: 715

Nice shot.....

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: Bruce Mallon ; Bruce Kreutzer ; Byron Hurder ; Dee Turner ; Francesco Paul ; fred ; Keith Shilhavy ; N4NSS ; Norman Urich ; Ray Vaillancourt ; Steve Balliette ; p_o_t_a_@... ; Paul Signorelli
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2011 1:32 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Fw: New BBpole

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2011 1:23 PM
Subject: New BBpole

I was at the south end of the Skyway bridge.

Kyle N4NSS

716. Planned Activation Bahia Honda State Park, FL Keys, Sunday Feb 19 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-19 21:00:11 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 716 Message: 716

Hi All,

I plan to activate Bahia Honda State Park tomorrow afternoon. I will operate USB as close to 14.260 MHz as I can find an open frequency.
Forecast is for perfect WX: High 70s, low 80s and sunny. Bahia Honda SP is on an island, Bahia Island Key, IOTA NA-062, and I will be activating the island for IOTA as well. I'm hoping for a POTA to POTA contact with KD0ETC, Steve and/or VE3FAL, Fred. Can anyone else claim a POTA to POTA? Y'all put down your snow shovels and come on down for some FL sunshine.

73, K4KGG, Larry

717. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Planned Activation Bahia Honda State Park, FL Keys, Sunday Feb 19 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-19 21:48:53 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 716 Message: 717

I do plan to be at Gooseberry Fall State Part
Sunday. Weather is uncertain with a winter storm
Warning. I will try. And will keep you posted.?

KD0ETC, Steve

On Feb 19, 2011, at 3:00 PM, "llibsch" <llibsch@...> wrote:

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> 73, K4KGG, Larry
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718. Re: Planned Activation Bahia Honda State Park, FL Keys, Sunday Feb 19 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-19 22:45:45 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 716 Message: 718

Steve,

I hope the WX cooperates for you tomorrow. If not, there will be other chances. Maybe you should just fly down, activate Bahia Honda SP and work on your tan.

Larry

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:
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719. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Planned Activation Bahia Honda State Park, FL Keys, Sunday Feb 19 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 01:17:41 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 716 Message: 719

Larry,
It is close, the snow may go to the south. Forecast says:" Sunday Night: Snow likely and areas of blowing snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 7. Windy, with a east wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible. "

If the roads are clear tomorrow morning and the forecast is ok I will get on the road to Gooseberry Falls State Park. An East wind is right off Lake Superior so lake effect snow is a possibility.

I hope to be operating by 1700z on 14.260.

My wife and I did do a vacation in Key West a few years ago that was wonderful. Maybe when she retires we can do it again.

Today I had a good day at Canal Park for the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society. No POTA members came on that I know, but this is just a city park. Tomorrow will be a State Park. The North Shore of Lake Superior from Duluth to the Canadian border has eight state parks and more inland. As the year goes on I can activate those for the POTA group.

Listen for me on 20 meters, 14.260 and up. I can post back to this email site from my Phone with my frequency.

Steve KD0ETC

From: llibsch <llibsch@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Sat, February 19, 2011 4:45:45 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Planned Activation Bahia Honda State Park, FL Keys, Sunday Feb 19 2011

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720. Cancelled

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 11:36:26 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 720 Message: 720
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I was wanting to drive up the shore to Gooseberry Falls State Park this morning. Unfortunately, there is a Winter Weather Advisory posted now for the region with snow and strong winds off the lake. I will not make the trip today, stay at home, work on antennas and plan for later.

Steve, KD0ETC

721. Re: Planned Activation Bahia Honda State Park, FL Keys, Sunday Feb 1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 12:53:13 UTC
From: Lawrence Libsch
Topic: 721 Message: 721

Steve -

I think I'll have internet, but not sure. I'm also hoping to be live by 17:00 UTC.
Be safe, please. 40 mph gusts would keep me at home with a hot chocolate.

K4KGG, Larry

722. Re: Cancelled

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 13:16:36 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 720 Message: 722

Steve -

Just saw your cancellation message. I'm relieved that you're staying home and safe. We'll find another time.

Larry

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:
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> at home, work on antennas and plan for later.
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> Steve, KD0ETC
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723. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 13:23:54 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 720 Message: 723

Larry,
I have my rig set up at home now and will be listening for you.

Steve KD0ETC

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From: llibsch <llibsch@bellsouth.net>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sun, February 20, 2011 7:16:36 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled

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Larry

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>

724. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 19:46:38 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 720 Message: 724

I too had to cancel today, got a good dump of snow and had to clean the driveway at the store before I could do anything else...
Will see what we can do in the next couple of weeks to get Kakabeka on the air..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
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DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Steve Balliette
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2011 8:23 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled

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Steve KD0ETC

From: llibsch <llibsch@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sun, February 20, 2011 7:16:36 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled

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726. Monte Sano State Park Activated (AL) & 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 23:35:39 UTC
From: kg4ruw
Topic: 726 Message: 726

Hello,

My son Lucas (soon to be licensed) and I (Paul - KG4RUW) activated Monte Sano State Park near Huntsville, AL.

Pictures posted to Photos section under Monte Sano.

First call of the day was to Larry K4KGG for the 1st POTA-to-POTA.

Monte Sano State Park to Bahia Honda State Park.

We operated QRP (5 watts) for almost 3 hours and made 19 contacts.

North America: FL, PA, TX, VA, WI, NM, NY, MD, WA, CA and QC & ON.

DX: Belgium, Mexico, Antigua & Barbuda & Brazil

Bands: 20, 17, 15 & 10 Meters.

When I finally figured out that 5 watts QRP could keep a frequency and call CQ, I had a run for 22 minutes and made 13 contacts on 14.260 Mhz. My very own little pileup.

Equipment: FT-817ND (5 watts), A123 Battery and Buddipole VersaTee Vertical.

Weather: Partly cloudy about 60 degrees with about 15 mph wind.

Time Frequency CallSign Name QTH
17:00 14.257.5 K4KGG Larry Boca Raton FL
17:48 18.125 ON4IQ Johan Belgium
18:09 14.238 XE1RK Ralph Mexico
18:27 14.260 V21RW Renville Antigua And Barbuda
18:32 14.260 W1HFD Ted Shippenville PA
18:34 14.260 WA5DTK Barry Pflugerville TX
18:35 14.260 AJ4SB Robert Cooper City FL
18:36 14.260 KJ4YHC JOHN FAIRFAX VA
18:38 14.260 WE9N Paul Whitehall WI
18:39 14.260 N5OTI MERRYL ALBUQUERQUE NM
18:41 14.260 VE3CKG Colin HAMILTON ON
18:43 14.260 KB1K Bob Boca Raton FL
18:45 14.260 KI4OXP Joe Palm City FL
18:47 14.260 KB2FRF Dick GASPORT NY
18:48 14.260 N3KBF Jim Baltimore MD
18:49 14.260 VE2BR Noel MERCIER QC
19:04 21.310 KQ7W Matt Port Orchard WA
19:21 28.465 W6RDF Club Call San Diego CA
19:30 28.475 PY2VZ Davi Brazil

Thanks to Larry for getting me involved with POTA.

73 Paul KG4RUW

727. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-20 23:44:00 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 720 Message: 727

Fred, I heard K4KGG today but two way was too weak to have a qso.
I believe you and I are too close for 20 meters, but do you know if a 2 meter repeater link is established between Duluth and Thunder Bay? Perhaps we could work Park to Park that way.
It is miserable here today with the wind and snow. I did some rewiring of my portable kit, but that was all. I did not want to go outside to work with the longwire antenna. Tomorrow maybe.
Steve KD0ETC

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@tbaytel.net>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sun, February 20, 2011 1:46:38 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled

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>Steve KD0ETC
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>

From: llibsch <llibsch@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
>Sent: Sun, February 20, 2011 7:16:36 AM

>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Cancelled
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728. St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida Activation Attempt

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 00:36:49 UTC
From: n4kgl
Topic: 728 Message: 728

The park is Located near Port St Joe in NorthWest Florida. I will make a go of it on Feb 21st likely between 1900 - 2130 UTC. I will try 14.057 +- 4 khz, 10.118 +-4 Khz and 7.058 +- 4 khz. I'll be running QRP. If I my cell works I'll make a post on QRPSpots when I get setup.

Long : -85.39948 W (-85° 23' 58'' W)
Lat : 29.75246 N (29° 45' 9'' N)
QTH locator : EL79HS

I look forward to some QSOs in the short time I will be there. I will be glad to exchange SKCC, FISTS, Polar Bear or NAQCC numbers.

Thanks,

Greg
N4KGL/4

729. Re: Monte Sano State Park Activated (AL) & 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 13:15:08 UTC
From: Lawrence Libsch
Topic: 726 Message: 729

Paul -

Congrats on your first First Activation. It was a kick to be your first contact and to have you as my first contact for my activation of Bahia Honda SP in the FL Keys. FB on having your soon-to-be-licensed son with you. I'm sure he had a great time. Did you know you were spotted on DX Summit? You were identified as QRP at Guantanamo. Sounds like you had more action than I had with my 100 watts. Hope to work you again soon.

Larry, K4KGG

730. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Monte Sano State Park Activated (Huntsville, AL) and first POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 13:45:59 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 725 Message: 730

Paul,

Do you wish to be the Keeper of the Alabama log? If so then let me know.

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., PB #117, SKCC #3595,
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: kg4ruw <kg4ruw@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Sunday, February 20, 2011 6:21 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Monte Sano State Park Activated (Huntsville, AL) and first POTA-to-POTA

Hello,

My son Lucas (soon to be licensed) and I (Paul - KG4RUW) activated Monte Sano State Park near Huntsville, AL.

Pictures posted to Photos section under Monte Sano.

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We operated QRP (5 watts) for almost 3 hours and made 19 contacts.

North America: FL, PA, TX, VA, WI, NM, NY, MD, WA, CA and QC & ON.

DX: Belgium, Mexico, Antigua & Barbuda & Brazil

Equipment: FT-817ND (5 watts), A123 Battery and Buddipole VersaTee Vertical.

Weather: Partly cloudy about 60 degrees with about 15 mph wind.

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Thanks to Larry for getting me involved with POTA.

73 Paul KG4RUW

731. Re: Monte Sano State Park Activated (AL) & 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 14:49:56 UTC
From: kg4ruw
Topic: 726 Message: 731

I did not know I was spotted. KG4 does come up as Guantanamo sometimes.

Good thing was I got 10 contacts all on my own before I was spotted. And I'll take the extra contacts after the spot..HiHi

72
Paul
KG4RUW

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Lawrence Libsch" <llibsch@...> wrote:
>
> Paul -
>
> Congrats on your first First Activation. It was a kick to be your first contact and to have you as my first contact for my activation of Bahia Honda SP in the FL Keys. FB on having your soon-to-be-licensed son with you. I'm sure he had a great time. Did you know you were spotted on DX Summit? You were identified as QRP at Guantanamo. Sounds like you had more action than I had with my 100 watts. Hope to work you again soon.
>
> Larry, K4KGG
>

732. Re: Monte Sano State Park Activated (Huntsville, AL) and first POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 14:55:20 UTC
From: kg4ruw
Topic: 725 Message: 732

Kyle,

I would be more than happy to. What do I need to do?

72
Paul KG4RUW

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...> wrote:
>
> Paul,
>
> Do you wish to be the Keeper of the Alabama log?Â If so then let me know.
>
>
> Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,Â
> P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., PB #117, SKCC #3595,
> NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
> Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
> My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/
> Â
> Enjoy LIFEÂ - ItÂ hasÂ an EXPIRATION DATE!
> Â
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>
> From: kg4ruw <kg4ruw@...>
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>
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>

733. New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 15:09:29 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 2 Message: 733

I would to to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members.
Have bene busy this weekend with pending memberships and that is a good thing to see.
I hope we can generate lots of activity and visibity in the Parks and get the word out about what we do and what and where we are capable of running our gear from.

Even though it is winter we are still seeing lots of activity from the Parks, now that some Parks have numbers it is time to look at drawing some awards and/or certificates for both the activators and those who work some of these Parks.

Still in the process of making an actual homepage/webpage as well for POTA.

Glad to have you aboard and get out and operate.

Dont forget our sister site for City Parks on The Air as well...

Fred
VE3FAL
List Owner/Moderator

734. Planned operation from Queen Wilhelmina State Park, AR

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 15:30:20 UTC
From: w_r_adams1
Topic: 734 Message: 734

WJ5E, AE5GR and I are going to Queen Wilhelmina State Park on Feb. 25 and will operate from the nearby SOTA summit W5/OH-001 on Rich Mountain on Saturday 2/26/2011). I will post both park and sota operating frequencies and times when they are firm.

Bill
AF4B

735. Successful Activation Bahia Honda SP Feb 20 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 16:36:06 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 735 Message: 735

Hello All,

Bahia Honda SP was very busy yesterday with kayakers, swimmers, sunbathers, campers and snorklers. I parked my motorhome in the large vehicle and boat trailer parking near the boat launch. I set up my Honda 1000i generator and ran up my 20 M vertical dipole on the 40 ft fiberglass pole. Several people stopped by to ask how I was using the antenna, so I got to explain ham radio and POTA several times. The Park rangers ignored me, even though I was running the generator and had guy lines running from the upper part of the antenna pole to my car parked strategically upwind. I've now operated six Parks in FL. I've been challenged by the authorities only once and the discussion became very friendly as soon as the officer realized I was a ham radio operator. My experience in the Parks and in many campgrounds is a high level of acceptance for ham operations.

My first contact was with Paul, KG4RUW who was activating Monte Sano SP in AL. This POTA to POTA contact was not prearranged. Unless someone notifies us with a prior claim, Paul and I would like to claim the first POTA to POTA contact.

The details of my contacts:

All contacts on 14257.50 MHz Feb 20, 2011. Times UTC.

1655 KG4RUW Paul AL
1705 W1HFD Ted PA
1709 N4XEP Phillip TN
1712 KP4BC Angel Puerto Rico
1719 NF8S Terry OH
1724 KG6WXO James TX
1728 N8XSV John OH
1735 6Y5IM Randy Jamaica
1742 KD4QMY George GA
1745 N4COB Dan GA
1746 WB5LAI Van MS
1754 K4LND Tony GA
1803 N5JFS Charles OK

K4KGG, Larry

736. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 19:05:24 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 2 Message: 736

> I would to to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members.

If you plan on activating a Park on 6 Meters FM or USB, please send me an email so I can get your plans on my 'GOT6???' webpage... Be specific with the times you plan on being 'on the air'... Please also supply the 6 character grid square since most of our 'GOT6???' members are using narrow beams...

http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt

If we know your going to be out there on 6 Meters we WILL come looking for you if your on 'GOT6???'...

PeAcE...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

737. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-21 22:50:38 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 737

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /FloridaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/FloridaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

738. Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park, Florida Tuesday 2/22/2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-22 04:26:10 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 738 Message: 738

I will be at Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park, Florida Tuesday 2/22/2011. http://floridastateparks.org/wernerboyce/default.cfm <http://floridastateparks.org/wernerboyce/default.cfm>

It is a small undeveloped park.

From ------- 1600Z or 1700Z (1100 or 1200 noon EST)
Freqs.------- 14.051, 14.060 14.260
PSK-31 ----- 14.070

I might have wifi but if anyone hears me please post somewhere.

Kyle N4NSS

739. Re: Monte Sano State Park Activated (AL) & 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-22 04:35:32 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 726 Message: 739

Great job Paul and Larry on the 1st POTA to POTA..........

73 Mike K4MIA

740. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Monte Sano State Park Activated (AL) & 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-22 04:46:49 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 726 Message: 740

I believe there was a POTA to POTA last year with myself at Kakabeka Provincial Park and Peter when he was in a Park....

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

On Tue, 22 Feb 2011 04:35:32 -0000
"RadioMB53" <Radiomb@...> wrote:
Great job Paul and Larry on the 1st POTA to POTA..........

73 Mike K4MIA

741. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Monte Sano State Park Activated (AL) & 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-22 04:48:38 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 726 Message: 741

Probably first US Park to Park, good job...

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
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742. 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-22 16:23:24 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 726 Message: 742

Just checked my logs and on October 2 2010 he following QSO took Place between W1PNS and VE3FAL

Oct 2/10 1913z W1PNS 14.558 559 559 CW 3W Peter Borderland State Park,MA- VE3FAL Pigeon River Provincial Park,ON

Cheers Fred
VE3FAL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "RadioMB53" <Radiomb@...> wrote:
>
> Great job Paul and Larry on the 1st POTA to POTA..........
>
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>

743. Re: 1st POTA-to-POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-22 16:24:06 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 726 Message: 743

Freq is 14.058

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "fred" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
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> VE3FAL
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744. Feb 21st St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida POTA Activation Attempt

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-23 21:05:05 UTC
From: Greg Lane
Topic: 744 Message: 744

All,

Monday, I was only on the radio for two hours and had six contacts on 20 meters. Two of those were not a complete exchange so I did not quite make the five needed to activate. I switched to 40 meters at the end and did not pick up anybody.Thanks for listening. I was using the Icom 703 at 5 watts and the Par end fed dipole. It started getting dark, cold and windy so I shutdown. The location was very nice. I plan to return Saturday Feb 26th and be there all day. Exactly what should the on-air exchange be?

Greg
N4KGL
Panama City, FL

February 21th, 2011
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2224 W9KMF 579/579 ~14.060 Minocqua, WI
2236 K2ZD 14.056 Jefferson, NY Mario Partial QSO

Photo show at http://www.picnik.com/show/id/12554282173_WPjGV

745. Missouri State Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-24 16:33:30 UTC
From: derf253
Topic: 745 Message: 745

How do I go about getting Missouri state parks listed?

ka4rur/fred

746. POTA Exchange?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-25 01:37:51 UTC
From: n4kgl
Topic: 746 Message: 746

What is exchange for POTA contacts?

Thanks,

Greg
N4KGL

747. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Feb 21st St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida POTA Activation Attempt

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-25 02:11:20 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 744 Message: 747

As for now ...you just need to get the total five contacts to complete the activation....send my your log and I will give it a number.

Hope you make it this time..

My attempt to activate a park on Tuesday was a bust....It seems everyone only wanted to contack DX. That was an 80 mile round trip.

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., PB #117, SKCC #3595,
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: Greg Lane <LaneKG@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 4:05 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Feb 21st St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida POTA Activation Attempt

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748. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Exchange?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-25 12:35:06 UTC
From: Bill Adams
Topic: 746 Message: 748

Great question. From the required log entries, it appears to minimally be the callsigns of the stations in communication and the fully qualified summit designation. All other required log information is available at each station (date, time, frequency, mode). Seems that name, signal report and QTH are optional as is wx discussion!

73 Bill AF4B

From: n4kgl <LaneKG@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Thursday, February 24, 2011 7:37 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Exchange?

What is exchange for POTA contacts?

Thanks,

Greg
N4KGL

749. Re: POTA Exchange?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-25 13:48:42 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 746 Message: 749

Greg, the exchange (at this point) is pretty basic.
Date, time, call, band/freq, QTH of the other op (S/P/C). RST in/out is nice, plus any exchange notes you might want to add.
Pretty much the normal data you'd pass anyway.

If it is a 'first-time' activation, there will be no 'Park ID number' to pass or add to your CQ. You would work five (5) or more contacts and submit the file/list to whomever is compiling the data for that State/Province. If a number has been issued (look in the 'Files' section for the sheet) then include that in both your call and, of course, in the report sent in.
I see you're in Panama City, FL area, I'm heading down to Mobile, AL from Montgomery later today. Hope to work from some of the shoreline down there, including Dauphin Isl. and the Gulf Shores NWR.

Sure is nicer here than back up in CT!!
Barclay/wu1b

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "n4kgl" <LaneKG@...> wrote:
>
> What is exchange for POTA contacts?
>
> Thanks,
>
> Greg
> N4KGL
>

750. p_o_t_a frequencies

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-25 14:59:21 UTC
From: derf253
Topic: 750 Message: 750

What frequencies are used for making contact's on?

fred/ka4rur

751. Re: [p_o_t_a_] p_o_t_a frequencies

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-25 16:15:06 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 750 Message: 751

No specific frequencies at this stage, Fred. Folks just post here, or on their favorite email lists, where they'll be, when, and the frequencies they plan to use. For QRP work, I suspect folks start out around the QRP calling frequencies. But beyond that, the bands are your playgrounds!

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "derf253" <KA4RUR@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2011 9:59:21 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] p_o_t_a frequencies

What frequencies are used for making contact's on?

fred/ka4rur

752. Re: [p_o_t_a_] p_o_t_a frequencies

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-26 00:52:17 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 750 Message: 752

> What frequencies are used for making contact's on?
>
On 6 Meters:
50.090 CW
50.125 USB
52.525 FM

> fred/ka4rur
>
Andy N8OFS GOT6???

753. Feb 26th NW Florida POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-26 04:03:22 UTC
From: n4kgl
Topic: 753 Message: 753

It looks like I can make it to St. Joseph Peninsula State Park tomorrow morning. If all goes well I may move to Florida Constitution Convention Museum State Park in the afternoon. The closest city is St. Joe FL. I'll be posting to QRPSpots.com

Thanks,

Greg
N4KGL

754. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-26 14:51:42 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 754

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MissouriStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Missouri State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MissouriStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

755. St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida POTA Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-27 17:18:18 UTC
From: n4kgl
Topic: 755 Message: 755

I was able to activate a St. Joseph Peninsula State Park is located near Port St. Joe in North West Florida. With the temps approaching 70 degrees and lots of sunshine it could not have been a better day. I started out with my ham-stick dipole for 40 meters and the Sierra which puts out 2 watts on that band. I worked K4AHO Jim in Orlando. I did not have any more luck on 40 meters so I switched to 20 meters with my SST at 3 watts and changed the ham-sticks to 20 meters. It was a tough go a first because There was a DX contest dominating the frequency range of my SST. I did manage too sneak in a contact with DL8UKE. Then things picked up working the FISTS K6JSS/2 station. This was followed by KB3AAG Frank in Delphene, PA and W5HNS, Henry.

Of course the other visitors at the park were interested in the setup at least two thought I was tracking tagged fish. The mast with the ham-stick dipole makes a good combination for this type of ops since it stays within the foot print of the truck. There are some photos here <https://picasaweb.google.com/LaneKG/StJosephPeninsulaStateParkFloridaPO\
TAActivation?feat=directlink> .
2/26/11 N4KGL/4 Log1510 UTC K4AHO 7.030 Jim Orlanda FL 569/5991625 UTC DL8UKE 14.057 DX Contest1701 UTC K6JSS/2 14.058 FISTS #11707 UTC KB3AAG 14.060 Frank Delphene, PA1729 UTC W5HNS 14.061 Henry
Please check this entry and let me know anything else needed to make it official.
GregN4KGLPanama City, FL

756. New tool for eQSL users...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-27 18:51:02 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 756 Message: 756

A new eQSL tool to find QSOs with "bad" or unregistered /M /P /R /# /QRP #/ callsigns...

Warning, this tool may take quite a while to load due to the huge database...

http://eqsl.cc/qslcard/OrphaneQSLs.cfm

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

757. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-27 22:35:52 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 757

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

758. Re: St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida POTA Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-28 13:45:25 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 755 Message: 758

Good job Greg. Your log has been updated on the Florida File

To all the other POTA's we Floridians have an advantage of nice winters even though ours has been
cold relative to us.

I know that the Polar Pears, HFpackers, and the GORC groups get out in tough weather, therefore I urge the everyone who do get out to advertise and take credit for your expeditions
here at the P.O.T.A. group.

73,

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759. Re: [p_o_t_a_] St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida POTA Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-02-28 14:35:46 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 755 Message: 759

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From: n4kgl <LaneKG@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc:
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2011 12:18 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] St. Joseph Peninsula State Park Florida POTA Activation

I was able to activate a St. Joseph Peninsula State Park is located near Port St. Joe in North West Florida. With the temps approaching 70 degrees and lots of sunshine it could not have been a better day. I started out with my ham-stick dipole for 40 meters and the Sierra which puts out 2 watts on that band. I worked K4AHO Jim in Orlando. I did not have any more luck on 40 meters so I switched to 20 meters with my SST at 3 watts and changed the ham-sticks to 20 meters. It was a tough go a first because There was a DX contest dominating the frequency range of my SST. I did manage too sneak in a contact with DL8UKE. Then things picked up working the FISTS K6JSS/2 station. This was followed by KB3AAG Frank in Delphene, PA and W5HNS, Henry.

Of course the other visitors at the park were interested in the setup at least two thought I was tracking tagged fish. The mast with the ham-stick dipole makes a good combination for this type of ops since it stays within the foot print of the truck. There are some photos here .

2/26/11 N4KGL/4 Log
1510 UTC K4AHO 7.030 Jim Orlanda FL 569/599
1625 UTC DL8UKE 14.057 DX Contest
1701 UTC K6JSS/2 14.058 FISTS #1
1707 UTC KB3AAG 14.060 Frank Delphene, PA
1729 UTC W5HNS 14.061 Henry

Please check this entry and let me know anything else needed to make it official.

Greg
N4KGL
Panama City, FL

760. Activation of Cheaha SP-Alabama

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 02:42:51 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 760 Message: 760

I will activate Cheaha SP in the Talladega Nat'l Forest tomorrow, Thursday March 3rd.
Probably be QRV around 1800 UTC
20 Meters on 14.3425 + QRM
17 Meters on 18.1575 + QRM
will be primary frequencies.
Time on the air depends on the amount of time the XYL allows, but will work for as long as I can.
If WX and time allow I may try to summit Cheaha Peak (tallest in AL at 2407 ft.).
73, Barclay/wu1b

761. Questions re: POTA Ops

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 06:16:39 UTC
From: Jerry Kuntz
Topic: 760 Message: 761

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What are the guidelines for participating in this activity? Are SSB operations allowed? Power above QRP levels? Mobile Ops (rather than portable)? VHF/UHF & higher frequencies (non-repeater ops)?

Forgive my ignorance and thanks in advance for any information.

73
Jerry
W4AST

762. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Questions re: POTA Ops

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 12:00:58 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 760 Message: 762

Jerry:

I think you only see QRP and CW as the main connection only because of
portability and ease of operation. There is no guideline as to mode and
power.
You can operate voice, cw or digital modes all you want from mw to kw.....
5 full qso's from a Park to activate it(does not have to be same day) and
then the Prk will get a number designator for awards down the road.

The main idea is to get people outdoors and operate from the Parks..

I hope this helps.

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On Wed, 2 Mar 2011 22:16:39 -0800 (PST)
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763. Sibley Provincial Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 14:23:30 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 763 Message: 763

This saturday is the annual Sleeping Giant Loppet (Formerly Sibley Ski Tour), I am at the half way checkpoint for the 50km skiers. I will have HF in the truck with me as I also have a CFARS exercise taking place and would like to operate from the portable location as well.
I will try and post some spots to qrpspots.com via APRS if I can, I will be at my check point from 8:00 to 13:00 local time...

The Park already has an activation number from this past fall, but will operate with regular stuff and exchanges.

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764. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Questions re: POTA Ops

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 14:49:18 UTC
From: Charles "AI4RI" Blackburn
Topic: 760 Message: 764

just remember that this is all simplex. not repeater ops.

charlie
ai4ri

765. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Questions re: POTA Ops

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 14:56:02 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 760 Message: 765

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Someone else can jump in here and clarify some of the information, but I think you should be good to go with whatever station and mode your may wish to use.

Kos, N4NIA

From: Jerry Kuntz <ast551@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thu, March 3, 2011 1:16:39 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Questions re: POTA Ops

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766. Parks on The Air FAQ

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 15:41:04 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 766 Message: 766

Actually I had started one already and this is what I have so far. If we need more Q&A I will add them as they come up and update it and attach it as a file too..I have it in Word format saved.

Parks On the Air (P.O.T.A.) FAQ

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767. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 18:36:26 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 766 Message: 767

Since I ran into this problem when I activated Findley Ohio State Park on 6 Meters; please define a "complete exchange" and format you want the Log files in...

I'm a 6 Meter ONLY VHFer, all we care about is exchanging Grid Squares... If there is more that needs to be exchaged, please define it in the FAQ...

Once E season hits, I'll be out and about activating as many parks as I can on 6 Meters; most on 52.525FM... USB for ARRL VHF Contests only...

> Q) Do the QSO's need to be with another P.O.T.A. member?
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> as P.O.T.A. chasers; these are still to be determined based on how
> successful our activities are and how well our volunteer base is to help
> with this stuff
>
Once we get an Awards program set up, I hope that POTA to POTA QSO's would be worth more "points"...

Just my 2 cents worth... Which I think is only worth 1 cent in Canada, eh? :)

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
Give me a good enuf reason to activate something on 6 Meters, and I'll do it...

768. Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 19:32:27 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 768 Message: 768

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If you have a favorite fishing spot (freq.) list those frequencies.
Get someone to Spot you on these:
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769. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 19:55:16 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 768 Message: 769

OK, do "Reports" have to be RS(T) or can it be Grid Square???

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

770. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 20:25:02 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 768 Message: 770

If it is GRID Square revelant since LoTW now keeps trak of those grids.
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Kyle N4NSS

From: "n8ofs@mjbrowns.com" <n8ofs@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2011 2:55 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

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771. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 20:40:06 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 768 Message: 771

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772. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 20:46:32 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 768 Message: 772

When I think of reports I think RST, even on 6 I always exchange that as
well as the grid square..

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773. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 20:49:29 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 768 Message: 773

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774. [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.3

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-03 20:54:59 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 774 Message: 774

Lets try this again:

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The normal log includes:
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775. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-04 01:17:54 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 768 Message: 775

The log is all pertinent info. In your case: freq., date/time, call, grid, name.....mode?.....

Kyle N4NSS

From: "n8ofs@mjbrowns.com" <n8ofs@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2011 3:40 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Parks on The Air FAQ Rev 1.1

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776. National Parks Announce Fee-Free Days for 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-05 13:18:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 776 Message: 776

Time to plan ahead.

National Parks Announce Fee-Free Days for 2011
More than 100 U.S. national parks that usually charge admission will be
open free of charge to all visitors on the following days in 2011:

April 16-24
(National Park Week)

June 21
(First day of summer)

September 24
(Public Lands Day)

November 11-13
(Veterans Day weekend)

Making the fun even more affordable, many national park concessionaires
are joining the National Park Service in welcoming visitors with their
own special offers.

Here's another tip ☐ many of our 394 national parks NEVER charge
an entrance fee. To learn more visit: www.nps.gov <http://www.nps.gov>

N4NSS Kyle

777. Tuesday setup 9AM operations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-07 21:36:50 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 777 Message: 777

War Veteran's Memorial Park
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/23_War_Vets.htm> A Florida County
Park
N4NSS and Ray N4EAT proposed operations. Freqs: Usual QRP on
40,30,20,15~ CW,SSB,PSK-31? Setup 9 am until.......QRP and QRO
Buddipole-Stick Please spot us if you hear us.....
73
Kyle N4NSS <http://www.qrz.com/db/n4nss> Licensed 1966 GORC
<http://wa3wsj.org/GORC.html> #126, P.O.T.A
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/> ., C.P.O.T.A.
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/> , PB
<http://www.n3epa.org/Pages/PolarBear.htm> #117, SKCC
<http://www.skccgroup.com/> #3595, NAQCC
<http://home.windstream.net/yoel/> #2019, FPQRP
<http://fpqrp.com/index.php> #1766, WARC-CC
<http://www.obriensweb.com/warc-cc.html> #567 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W
27.848260N My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/ Enjoy LIFE - It has an
EXPIRATION DATE!

778. Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-09 16:37:04 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 778 Message: 778

I will be making an excursion to Split Rock State Park tomorrow, Thursday 10 Mar 11, to activate Lighthouse USA 783. Because this is State Park I am also posting to Parks on the Air.
Expected start is 1700z. Frequency 14.270 +/- for qrm. Or 14.335 to 14.346 if necessary.
KD0ETC, Steve

iPhone

779. Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO) - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-12 01:57:44 UTC
From: derf253
Topic: 779 Message: 779

Will activate the park on 03/13/2011 at 1800utc on the
following freqs: 14.060 (cw) 14.285 (usb). So far the
wx look pretty good for this outing.

73/fred/ka4rur

780. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO) - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-12 17:03:45 UTC
From: k0qh@skywayusa.net
Topic: 779 Message: 780

Good luck Fred, a bit to close for me to hear you I'm sure. If you make it you will be the first in our state to make it. Let me know how it turns out.
72
John,K0QH
EM47

----- Original Message -----
From: "derf253" <KA4RUR@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 7:57:44 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO) - Activation

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following freqs: 14.060 (cw) 14.285 (usb). So far the
wx look pretty good for this outing.

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Yahoo! Groups Links

781. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO) - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-13 00:24:32 UTC
From: KA4RUR@cs.com
Topic: 779 Message: 781

John I hope this goes well, I plan on going to Tom Sauk in may an try to activate some of those parks down that way

73/Fred/KA4RUR

SKCC 212 / FISTS 12095 / NAQCC 1480 / ARCI 13628 /HFpack
FP 2133 / GORC 97 / 10x10 74421 / OMISS 5801 / ARES / SATERN

-----Original Message-----
From: k0qh <k0qh@skywayusa.net>
To: p o t a <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Sat, Mar 12, 2011 6:03 am
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO) - Activation

Good luck Fred, a bit to close for me to hear you I'm sure. If you make it you will be the first in our state to make it. Let me know how it turns out.
72
John,K0QH
EM47

From: "derf253" <KA4RUR@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 7:57:44 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO) - Activation

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Yahoo! Groups Links

782. Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones Confluence Point State Park (MO) - Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-13 15:53:43 UTC
From: derf253
Topic: 779 Message: 782

GM All,

14.060 cw 1800-1900
14.285 usb 1900-2000

73/fred/ka4rur

783. (no subject)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-13 20:58:47 UTC
From: derf253
Topic: 783 Message: 783

Hi,

Park close due to flooding, will try at a later date,

73/Fred/ka4rur

784. Fwd: [gorc] Old HW7 in the Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-15 16:27:48 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 784 Message: 784

Cross-post

--- the forwarded message follows ---
From: "Paul Signorelli" <w0rw1@...>
To: "GORC" <gorc@yahoogroups.com>
Received: 15-Mar-11 12:22:44 PM

I will be out in the park today, 15 March 2011, around 1730z.
My old Heathkit HW7 is crystal controlled on 14060.5 kHz.
i will try to put up a dipole in a tree right over a picnic table...i hope.
The HW7 runs about 2 watts so the dipole should help.
i have not used my HW7 on a portable dipole like this since operating in
Yellowstone in 1975.
Hope to see you on the air...
Paul w0rw

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

Yahoo! Groups Links

785. DeSoto State Park, AL Friday, March 18. Group effort under W4DGH call

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-16 00:05:43 UTC
From: Barry Strickland
Topic: 785 Message: 785

DeSoto State Park, Alabama, will be activated under the call W4DGH.
On Friday, March 18th. Hours 1500 to 2000 UTC. 10AM to 3PM Central
time. Bands will be 40m thru 2m CW and Phone. We will be operating
around the normal qrp watering holes. Operators will be Ed W4DGH,
Jim W4BBW, Carlton W4CTK and Barry AB4QL. The operating position is
on the brow of Lookout Mountain at the primitive campground under a nice pavilion. Look for us!

786. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-20 15:09:40 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 786

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ColoradoStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Colorado State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ColoradoStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

787. Mueller State Park - USCO001Activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-20 15:13:49 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 787 Message: 787

Mueller State Park USCO001 by Frank K0JQZ 3/19/2011

http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/cBaGTU2Qh5xhFa77Bf7yAucYC2QsRCq1kJgFuhu7mCQ\
7yAoaR6JpxTD5wdLBp-HGz4HYyy6QcP72DGCGE4E4nY80rHM/ColoradoStateParks%26Ac\
tivationInfo.xls
<http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/cBaGTU2Qh5xhFa77Bf7yAucYC2QsRCq1kJgFuhu7mC\
Q7yAoaR6JpxTD5wdLBp-HGz4HYyy6QcP72DGCGE4E4nY80rHM/ColoradoStateParks%26A\
ctivationInfo.xls>

Kyle N4NSS

788. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Mueller State Park - USCO001Activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-20 15:21:48 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 787 Message: 788

On Sun, 2011-03-20 at 15:13 +0000, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
>
> Mueller State Park USCO001 by Frank K0JQZ 3/19/2011
>
> http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/cBaGTU2Qh5xhFa77Bf7yAucYC2QsRCq1kJgFuhu7mCQ7yAoaR6JpxTD5wdLBp-HGz4HYyy6QcP72DGCGE4E4nY80rHM/ColoradoStateParks

Whoo-hoo! Love to see those first parks activated!

With best regards,

Pete

--
Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | G-QRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

789. 6 Meter Park Activation...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-21 18:15:56 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 537 Message: 789

http://6t6kix.com/pages/ham/nj0w.htm

Somebody should let this guy know were here...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

790. K0JQZ Frank - Two parks this Friday and Saturday morning

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-23 23:42:16 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 790 Message: 790

I wanted to let you know that I will be at two parks this upcoming weekend. On Friday and Saturday morning I will be at the Great Sand Dunes National Park in Colorado (I do not know if National Parks count) and Saturday we will pull out and head to San Luis State Park (close to the sand dune and only 15 miles away). I cannot give you exact times but my freq will be on the qrp freq and I favor 20 meters but if a contest is going on I will use 17 meters and 30 meters. In the evening I like 40 but am not sure how well the antenna will work. I may use 15 meters as well. I will not have Internet so no way to post.

73,
Frank
K0JQZ Elecraft K2 and K1 with Buddipole and Buddistick.

791. Welcome New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-25 00:55:10 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 791 Message: 791

Just would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members to both POTA and CPOTA groups.
There has been some activity through the winter and as spring/summer get here I am sure we will see even more.

Hoping to have some ideas in the very near future with regards to awards and activities for both the activators and chasers. But like most groups it all takes time and volunteers to support these efforts.
Things like club logos, webpages etc are still in the making but we need to realize these folks do have other things like life and work on their plates and this is a HOBBY.

Thanks to Kyle for all his efforts for manning the activations and keeping all the entries current and up to date.

I have a number of Parks both City and Provincial that I still need to get to and activate as well.

Anyone who would like to design certificates that can be emailed and printed by the recipient would be a great idea.

Ok, I hope you all have a great weekend coming up and look forward to working many of you on any mode from the PARKS.

Cheers

Fred Lesnick
VE3FAL
CPOTA/POTA Owner-Moderator

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792. Great Sand Dunes National Park and Lathorp State Park report (K0JQZ)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-27 19:04:58 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 792 Message: 792

Best laid plans, right. I skipped work the last four hours, picked up Lynn and headed out. What did I forget, cash and camera. No turing back as we where 100 miles down the road already. Lynn had a spare camera and we used what cash we had for park fees and some chow. We came back with 3 dollars..... I guess I can budget when I need to.

We arrived at the Great Sand Dune National Park (BTW: there was a 3 dollar entry fee per person, 6 total for us but the booth was closed on the way on so they told us to pay on the way out, it was closed again, good for us, we can both grab a meal on the road).

I notice that it was a little windy on 160 heading West. I was getting blown all over the road and it was only getting worse. When we turned to go to the park (North) it was smooth and my gas mileage was great (something you want to keep an eye on in a Diesel truck with truck camper on it). Of course it was a constant 50 mph wind, we could not find a site that was out of the wind and would support an antenna setup so I went with the worse one wind wise but best for antenna. Of course it was open and we settled in about getting camp setup.

Hollycow, these winds are not letting up and are gusting to near 70 mph. The Truck Camper (Four Wheel Camper, Grandby Model, here is the link http://www.fourwh.com/grandby.htm) was getting a good work out. The vent over the bed had a bracket come loose so I was getting that sucker duct taped securely so it would not keep us up all night.

I did not want to put the Buddipole (dipole) up in that wind and doubted it would have a chance of staying up as the ground was, well, sand. Out comes the Buddistick and I was to modify it a bit to make it fit the seemly thick picnic bench. It stayed pretty good for a while until picture time when it decided to slowly start to tilt. It took some force to get it secured. The counterpoised present a different problem on how to keep that thing 2 feet above the ground, some rocks and a big stick solved that issue. I was proud of this monster that was capturing the attention of people in there campers waiting out the wind. I was on the air, but for how long?

All night, that's how long. I did check on it from time to time but once I got it tuned on 20 meters I did not want to touch it anymore. The coil tap did come off at one point that I would not discover until packing it up. I did wonder why 20 meters took longer to tune by the tuner in the K2 but as long as it did tune I was fine.

Pictures are here:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/106654890/pic/list

We ventured out on the sand dunes a few times but it was hard to see with the sand pelting every inch of exposed skin. We had a good time, I made the five QSOs and all was well.

The next morning it was calm, about 10 mph winds and the next stop was only 15 miles down the road. We said goodby to the dunes and found a nice, non-windy, state park in San Luis State Park . Of course it was closed. We did drive around and there was a nice lake and yes we did discuss just parking it for the night and take the heat when Johnny Law arrives but my rational thought process took over and we chatted about other places over a hot breakfast in a study walled restaurant without any wind. It is amazing how calm no constant wind is, once you have been out in it

for a while.

Gas was good, money was good so no need to pay a pricey ATM fee and the food was good.

We went over several options and I have my definite opinions of some of the state parks in Colorado. We settled on Lathorp, it was not that far, closer to home and should be empty; we had a back up plan so I was sure it would be open. It was, friendly staff, nice spots, freshly stocked lake and NO WIND . Yippy.

I usually go fishing first, everything else like popping up the camper and getting camp setup is second. However, I really wanted to set the Buddipole up. I did, it worked, I made a QSO and off to the lake I went. What fun, not much of a challenge, fish were a little small but there are a few less big ones in there today.

Coming back to camp with the battery for the radio charged by the portable solar cell I was off to get the other 4 QSOs . The 20 meter band is dead, 15 meters dead, 30 meters nada, oh well . I took up the head phones, got the XYL setup with her handheld (she is XC0YQF) and set her out for her hike while I took care of camp stuff.

Every once and a while I would hear stations but the QSOs where not coming very fast. I really did not want to do the radio thing all day and night as it was getting cold out. I decided to setup in the camper (without the table so we would have some wiggle room) and get ready for chow and a fire afterwards. It was great but my energy was draining (I was sick for over year and I am now just getting back to being active again but I cannot last as long as I used to). With four QSOs down the XYL told me to sit in the camper until I am done then come out to enjoy the fire with her. I finished up within a 30 minutes and just in time to figure why the carbon monoxide alarm was going off I knew I would be busy for the next hour trouble shooting that thing (I think, and this is only a guess, that smoke from the campfire was setting it off). The detector, now with the camper fully vented, with nothing on was still sounding off. I finally pulled the fuse. Made sure the campers was vented, dosed the fire and relaxed for the rest of the evening. I hate to say this but I miss relaxing with the TV on. I have a portable 12 volt TV that was getting one station but I can only watch golf so long. One of the next projects will be building a HDTV outdoor antenna.

Photos here: http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/1512341696/pic/list

All in all it was a lot of fun. I like going to camp to camp. We will be doing that again and I will try to get back out to the elusive San Luis State Park one of these days. We do not stay in State Parks or National Parks after Memorial Day until the end of the "camper season" and really prefer the peace and quite of the empty, off season park.

My logs where sent to Kyle and hopefully they meet the requirement to have two more parks activated. Now, where to go next?

PS: I will admit that I have not read the rules for POTA very well. I do not know if there are awards for working the person in the State Park or not but of there is I would be happy to set up some schedule. I rarely bring a computer or have access to the Internet so it would be spotty at best depending on many factors, but I am willing to try. I can be found on 20 meters hovering around the QRP freq (14.060) and other bands as required.

Side Note: I worked Merlin, KD0V from both locations. I just thought it was interesting to get him two days in a row. I had some other notable QSOs like the one with Mark AB7MP which I know from the SKCC and David KE7ICU that was mobile near Seattle. All my QSOs are CW.

72
Frank
K0JQZ
f_skinner at yahoo dot com

793. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-28 17:10:35 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 793

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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File : /ColoradoStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Colorado State Parks & Activation Info

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To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

794. Tettegouche State Park on 29 Mar 11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-29 14:06:46 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 794 Message: 794

I am going to Tettegouche State Park, Minnesota, on the Lake Superior North shore today.Should be on the air by 1800z on 20 meters somewhere.If I move to another band I will update this site if I have a 3g connection.
Steve, KD0ETC

795. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Tettegouche State Park on 29 Mar 11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-29 16:12:30 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 794 Message: 795

Have fun Steve, a little warmer today up this way, should be nice and bright
out..

Fred
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On Tue, 29 Mar 2011 07:06:46 -0700 (PDT)
Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:
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North
shore today.Should be on the air by 1800z on 20 meters somewhere.If I move
to
another band I will update this site if I have a 3g connection.
Steve, KD0ETC

796. Saturday Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-03-30 15:23:39 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 796 Message: 796

Gang:

I am thinking of operating portable from Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park on Saturday afternoon. The high is plus7C and 40% chance of light snow.
I will operate from the upper end of the park along the ski trails and hope to operate 80/40/20 for sure CW.
I may even bring the microphone and operate some QRP SSB.

I have to give my sone a ride to work and then will come home and pack some gear up that I pre-packed Friday night.

I will post frequencies and times once the time gets a bit closer and weather permits.

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797. Re: Saturday Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-01 01:15:18 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 796 Message: 797

Fred, I hope to hear you. I will try and activate Cheyenne Mountain State Park Friday night and Saturday morning. It is a new park and just opened for camping last year. We have never been there although it is very close to us.

I will listen for your call.
73
Frank
K0JQZ

798. Black Rock Mountain SP, Georgia this Weekend

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-01 02:25:16 UTC
From: S Kosmetatos
Topic: 798 Message: 798

I'll be camping at Black Rock Mountain State Park in Northeast Georgia this weekend, along with K4TJD to work the QRP-ARCI Spring QSO Party. We'll be on the various bands around the QRP frequencies working CW, so give a call if you hear us. I'll also carve out some time to work some phone and PSK31 to get some additional stations in the log for POTA activation.

Black Rock Mountain is Georgia's highest state park, located on a summit in the North Georgia mountains, so we're hoping for good action and lots of noise-free QSOs.

Kos, N4NIA

799. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Black Rock Mountain SP, Georgia this Weekend

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-01 02:30:36 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 798 Message: 799

I'd be careful.

Hurricane paul is due to hit home this weekend (on Saturday to be exact)..

Hurricane paul???

It's a NWS/ARRL SE Section and ga S.E.T. you might get quite a handful of stations..

Charlie
Ai4ri

800. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Black Rock Mountain SP, Georgia this Weekend

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-01 14:13:15 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 798 Message: 800

Hurricane Paul, let me see it is April 1 today I need to look that up...

Fred
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On Thu, 31 Mar 2011 22:30:36 -0400
"Charles Blackburn" <ai4ri@...> wrote:
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Hurricane paul???

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stations..

Charlie
Ai4ri

801. [Fwd: [FFMA] M/S Plans this Weekend]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-01 19:39:46 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 801 Message: 801

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: [FFMA] M/S Plans this Weekend
From: "niagara66us" <dxpedition@...>
Date: Fri, April 1, 2011 3:36 pm
To: FFMA@yahoogroups.com

Hello Again,

Just a reminder that I will be active on FSK441 from DM46 in Grand Canyon National Park tomorrow morning.

Internet is doubtful and I will be following my standard plan of CQ'ing on 260 and listening on 245, transmitting 1st period. If there is a change due to interference or other stations on 245, I will be including my listening frequency in my CQ.

My antenna azimuth will start ESE and work north around to WSW repeating as time allows. I will be starting earlier than normal (planning on starting before 1130z) as I have to leave at about 1600z to get back to Flagstaff.

If I do have cell phone internet, I will post my operating info to PJ and keep an eye out for active stations to look for.

See <http://www.6t6kix.com/pages/ham/nj0w.htm> for the long version of my op plan. I will be on the air for a few hours from DM45 on Sunday morning too.

See you in the morning,

David
NJ0W

Yahoo! Groups Links

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q

802. K0JQZ Cheyenne Mountain State Park 1 to 2 April

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-02 16:24:56 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 802 Message: 802

First of all, I am sorry I did not post my plans. My job and other things got a way from me and my brain was very scattered Friday. However, the XYL and I have returned from another outing. We have to do these one night trips for a while as we have a sick kitty that requires a lot of attention so no staying out for three to 7 days at a time. Our usual method of operation was in effect again, burn up some overtime hours on Friday, go home, pickup the XYL, grab the gear and head out. The camper stays on the truck all the time and water, food, cloths are usually ready to go.

Cheyenne Mountain State Park first came to my attention while enjoying the scenery coming home from the NORAD (I usually work in the Headquarters Building and have rarely made a drive to the actual mountain in the day time). Hey, there are campers over there......

2010 was the first year of camping at the park. It has always been a day use park with over 20 miles of hiking trails (to the thrill of the XYL).

Since it was close and it is hard to get into when it actually opens for reservations we took the chance and got up there about 1400 on Friday afternoon. While I was setting up camp and the Buddipole there where about 3 other campers just arriving. We got there in the nick of time although I did find some other spaces open later during one of our walks so it was not filled to capacity I think.

With the XYL getting ready to walk and the Buddipole setup I went about the business of trying to make 5 QSOs....(Five QSOs can sometimes be a chore, I would think 1 QSO would activate a park but it is much easier having shelter, food, water and heat I can walk into at anytime.)

The first two QSOs came easy.KI4UUZ who was mobile and KD5EW. After that it got a little tougher, colder and I actually just stopped. Later, I moved everything into the camper I was able to get K8AAI, NS7E (also QRP on a PFR/3). 20 was dropping out, at least the signals were getting scarce. I had a feeling it was still open but seeing that I do not like to be tied to headphones and XYL does not like to hear static we decided to eat, watch a little TV and watch the sunset over the Mountain (which has us almost looking straight up hi hi).

When I went to 30 meters I heard a lot of DX, I did not think I would break a pileup, I tired, I failed. So tuning around I heard a fellow SKCC member Dean, NW2K and flipped the paddles on the side, went to hand mode and made the final QSO to put Cheyenne Mountain State Park Colorado on the air.

Here is the link to a few pictures.
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/1115670585/pic/list

We are home, kitty is needed a little attention, showers are taken, truck unpacked of excess water and food, cloths being washed and log book has been sent to Kyle (thank you Kyle for doing this in your free time, it is the difference between a successful group and a failure) and we are enjoying a great day in sunny Southern Colorado. I sure would have loved to been up there when the snow started coming down, beautiful views. It is a new park

but the Truck Camper is out of place in these types of full service parks. We much prefer to Boondock for a few days. Hopefully we will, outside of the State Park System soon.

73/72
Frank
K0JQZ
f_skinner@...

803. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-02 17:11:38 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 803

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ColoradoStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Colorado State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ColoradoStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

804. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-04 03:31:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 804

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /GeorgiaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : skos@... <skos@...>
Description : Georgia State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/GeorgiaStateParks.xls

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Regards,

skos@... <skos@...>

805. Activation of Black Rock Mountain SP, Georgia - USGA002

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-04 03:43:25 UTC
From: S Kosmetatos
Topic: 805 Message: 805

Tom, K4TJD and I activated the park from campsites near the summit on Saturday and Sunday. The activity was CW QRP at 5 watts or less, and PSK31 & PSK63 at about 30 to 40 watts into a variety of wire antennas and a Buddipole. Conditions were comfortable, as we each operated from our respective popup campers while the wind howled around outside.

Here's the breakdown:

4/2/2011

PY3ED

0:22

21.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

KK6MC

12:48

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

K3WW

12:50

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

W1SOC

14:38

14.000

CW

4/2/2011

K6EIL

14:49

14.000

CW

4/2/2011

KB3AGG

15:54

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

NG7Z

15:54

14.000

CW

4/2/2011

K0ZK

16:00

14.000

CW

4/2/2011

N3AO

16:02

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

W1SOC

18:42

14.000

CW

4/2/2011

YV5ANF

18:46

14.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

KB3AGG

19:46

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

WR1I

21:17

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

IK5VQK

21:17

14.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

DL7GAL

21:23

14.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

K4BAI

21:24

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

K3HX

21:26

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

KJ4AM

21:30

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

EA2BJS

22:09

14.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

VK5NE

22:26

14.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

TG9AHM

23:13

21.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

W0UFO

23:36

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

NT1A

23:45

7.000

CW

4/2/2011

K5TTY

23:45

14.070

PSK31

4/2/2011

K2UFT

23:58

7.000

CW

4/3/2011

K0RDW

0:20

7.036

PSK31

4/3/2011

N8XX

0:24

7.000

CW

4/3/2011

N4EMP

0:31

7.036

PSK31

4/3/2011

WA8ZBT

0:35

14.000

CW

4/3/2011

WA5RML

0:39

14.000

CW

4/3/2011

W8TM

0:45

7.000

CW

4/3/2011

AH6JA

0:51

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

HK6DOS

1:55

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

KW7XX

2:02

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

EA8TL

2:08

14.070

PSK63

4/3/2011

VE6VIS

2:25

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

KL7QR

2:30

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

NU4C

2:43

7.036

PSK31

4/3/2011

W9GKM

2:54

7.036

PSK31

4/3/2011

EA8FJ

3:17

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

HC6EP

3:24

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

ZL3DW

3:38

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

N0UR

11:50

7.000

CW

4/3/2011

YV6EJI

12:38

14.070

PSK31

4/3/2011

N4BP

12:53

14.000

CW

4/3/2011

W0PSK

14:12

10.140

PSK31

4/3/2011

K0ZK

14:54

14.000

CW

4/3/2011

N4BP

14:56

14.000

CW

4/3/2011

HA7UG

16:27

21.000

CW

Updated GA file has been posted.

'73, Kos, N4NIA

806. Free admission to National Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-07 13:08:36 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 806 Message: 806

Free admission to National Parks

In celebration of National Parks Week, there will be no admission fees at national parks from April 16 - 24, 2011.
That includes two entire weekends, so get out there and enjoy!
Find a special event at a National Park near you.
If a government shutdown occurs, all non-essential spending will stop, including spending on federal public land services.
This action could force most national parks and many forests, monuments, refuges, and historic sites to close their doors
for the duration of the shutdown. Please check your destination and call ahead in the unfortunate event of a shutdown.

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807. Another Park /Preserve TODAY

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-07 14:25:14 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 807 Message: 807

I was there yesterday, now today too:
http://www.weedonislandpreserve.org/default.htm

I'll be looking for you all. If you hear me please spot me somewhere.
FT-817 and Buddistick on a bench in the shade.

1400Z or 1500Z till ?   20 meters

72,
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808. Canadian National Parks 100th Anniversary

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-07 16:57:35 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 808 Message: 808

This year in Canada is the 100th Anniversary of National Parks. The latest Canadian Geographic has an article about this in it. Should get some of our Canadian Ops out as a special activation of a few of the National Parks and special QSL cards out..

Fred
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809. Fwd: Re: [HFpack] Free admission to National Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-08 03:20:27 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 809 Message: 809

Crosspost from HFPack

From: "VE3FAL-Fred" <flesnick@...>
To: <hfpack@yahoogroups.com>,<p_o_t_a@...>
Received: 7-Apr-11 8:12:49 PM

Just a bit of a side note: This year is the 100th Anniversary of National Parks in Canada.
I am hoping to activate and operate from Pukaskwa National Park near Marathon Ontario this summer during a weekend.
It is a four hour drive east of Thunder Bay and is situated on Lake Superior.
There are 5 national Parks in the Province of Ontario and this is the closest one too me..

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810. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-08 23:28:12 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 810

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Parks On the Air.doc
Uploaded by : ve3fal <ve3fal@...>
Description : P.O.T.A. FAQ's

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Parks%20On%20the%20Air.doc

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Regards,

ve3fal <ve3fal@...>

811. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-09 15:33:59 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 811

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ActivatedParksbyState-Province.xlsx
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Activated Parks by State-Province

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ActivatedParksbyState-Province.xlsx

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

812. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-09 17:51:01 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 812

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ActivatedParksbyState-Province.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Activated Parks by State-Province

You can access this file at the URL:
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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

813. Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-09 17:59:31 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 813 Message: 813

Hi everyone,

Take a look at the "Activated Parks by State-Province" file to see if you need to update anything.

Please update your files and advise me of the changes so that I can update the "Activated Parks by State-Province" file.

Thanks to all,

Kyle N4NSS n4nss@... <mailto:n4nss@yahoo.com>

814. Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-09 18:26:56 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 813 Message: 814

Kyle, looks good for Colorado (to the best of my knowledge anyway). Great job and thank you.

It has been a lot of fun.

73
Frank
K0JQZ

815. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-09 18:46:31 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 813 Message: 815

Looks good Kyle, the Northwestern Ontario Activations are also listed in the files section if you wish to add those to the list..

Great job ..

Fred
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----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, April 09, 2011 1:59 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Activated Parks by State-Province File

Hi everyone,

Take a look at the "Activated Parks by State-Province" file to see if you need to update anything.

Please update your files and advise me of the changes so that I can update the "Activated Parks by State-Province" file.

Thanks to all,

Kyle N4NSS n4nss@...

816. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-09 18:57:05 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 813 Message: 816

http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/oJ6gTVdnmWsh2l0DTbgMSsuBol4OKSViC_8FKVpy-eQegWOOoiogignSzhEBq9C-5KMcR2Kj7_AmqHXqMmhdzQ/Copy%20of%20Canadian%20Provincial%20Park%20Activation%20Log.xls
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----- Original Message -----
From: VE3FAL
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, April 09, 2011 2:46 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activated Parks by State-Province File

Looks good Kyle, the Northwestern Ontario Activations are also listed in the files section if you wish to add those to the list..

Great job ..

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Thanks to all,

Kyle N4NSS n4nss@...

817. Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-10 15:50:27 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 813 Message: 817

Kyle, Group -

Kyle, thanks for maintaining the databases. The entries for my FL park activations are correct. You show Pennekamp SP as IOTA NA-062. This is correct. Long Key and Bahia Honda are also NA-062. Please add this to the database when you have a chance.

Larry, K4KGG

818. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-11 13:06:34 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 813 Message: 818

Done..... and if you find any more addons for me that would help.

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From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2011 11:50 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File
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>Kyle, Group -
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>Kyle, thanks for maintaining the databases. The entries for my FL
>park activations are correct. You show Pennekamp SP as IOTA NA-062. This
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>Larry, K4KGG
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819. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-11 14:17:24 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 813 Message: 819

Well done Kyle....

Fred
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On Mon, 11 Apr 2011 06:06:34 -0700 (PDT)
Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...> wrote:
Done..... and if you find any more addons for me that would help.

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From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2011 11:50 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File
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>Kyle, Group -
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>Kyle, thanks for maintaining the databases. The entries for my FL
>park activations are correct. You show Pennekamp SP as IOTA NA-062. This
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>the database when you have a chance.
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>Larry, K4KGG
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820. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-11 18:39:53 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 813 Message: 820

Fred,
There are a lot of parks in some areas of your country....!!!

Kyle N4NSS

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 10:17 AM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File
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>Well done Kyle....
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>Fred
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>http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/
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>On Mon, 11 Apr 2011 06:06:34 -0700 (PDT)
>Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...> wrote:
>Done........ and if you find any more addons for me that would help.
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>From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@bellsouth.net>
>>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>>Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2011 11:50 AM
>>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File
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821. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-12 00:17:13 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 813 Message: 821

Yes there are, and I would love to activate them but with gas way up in the huge $$$ I wont be hauling the trailer far....

Between Ontario and Minnesota we have more Parks and Lakes then Carter has pills...

Still have not heard from anyone on our questions we had....dit dit...

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 2:39 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Fred,
There are a lot of parks in some areas of your country....!!!

Kyle N4NSS

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 10:17 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File

Well done Kyle....

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

On Mon, 11 Apr 2011 06:06:34 -0700 (PDT)
Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...> wrote:
Done..... and if you find any more addons for me that would help.

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., PB #117, SKCC #3595,
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567,
CW-QRP-Homebrewers
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2011 11:50 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activated Parks by State-Province File
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>Kyle, Group -
>
>Kyle, thanks for maintaining the databases. The entries for my FL
>park activations are correct. You show Pennekamp SP as IOTA NA-062. This
>is correct. Long Key and Bahia Honda are also NA-062. Please add this to
>the database when you have a chance.
>
>Larry, K4KGG
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822. Fw: New file uploaded to c_p_o_t_a - Sawgrass Lake Co. Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-14 17:42:19 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 822 Message: 822

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----- Forwarded Message -----
>From: "c_p_o_t_a@..." <c_p_o_t_a@...>
>To: c_p_o_t_a@...
>Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 1:40 PM
>Subject: Fw: [c_p_o_t_a] New file uploaded to c_p_o_t_a
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>Hello,
>
>This email message is a notification to let you know that
>a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the c_p_o_t_a
>group.
>
>File : /FloridaCounty-CityParks&Preserves.xls
>Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
>Description : Florida County-City parks
>
>You can access this file at the URL:
>http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/files/FloridaCounty-CityParks%26Preserves.xls
>
>To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
>http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files
>
>Regards,
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>n4nss <n4nss@...>
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823. Hillsboro Lighthouse Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-16 03:05:12 UTC
From: RadioMB53
Topic: 823 Message: 823

Hello,
Not a park, but I know a lot of park collectors also collect Lighthouses. I will be operating Hillsboro Lighthouse USA-372 tomorrow from 9.00 to 4.00 EST. Will be on 14.260 and 7.260 +- QRM. This lighthouse is located in Hillsboro Beach Florida. A few miles north of Fort Lauderdale. Hope to work some of you guys. I will be using my call K4MIA. Station will be IC-706 and S9 vertical. If you would like to see a picture of the lighthouse I have a copy of my QSL out on QRZ.

73 Mike K4MIA

824. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hillsboro Lighthouse Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-16 12:23:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 823 Message: 824

Here is some more info on this lighthouse:
http://wlol.arlhs.com/lighthouse/USA372.html
http://www.lighthousesrus.org/showSql.php?page=Gulf/Florida
http://www.best-florida-beaches.org/hillsboro-beach-florida.html

I'm Working..... : >(
Kyle N4NSS Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: RadioMB53 <Radiomb@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 11:05 PM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hillsboro Lighthouse Activation
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>Hello,
>Not a park, but I know a lot of park collectors also collect Lighthouses. I will be operating Hillsboro Lighthouse USA-372 tomorrow from 9.00 to 4.00 EST. Will be on 14.260 and 7.260 +- QRM. This lighthouse is located in Hillsboro Beach Florida. A few miles north of Fort Lauderdale. Hope to work some of you guys. I will be using my call K4MIA. Station will be IC-706 and S9 vertical. If you would like to see a picture of the lighthouse I have a copy of my QSL out on QRZ.
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>73 Mike K4MIA
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825. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-16 14:08:07 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 825

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /CanadaProvinces&territories /OntarioParksActivations&Logs.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Ontario Parks Activations & Logs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/OntarioParksActivations%26Logs.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

826. Battery-capacity estimator

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-18 01:48:07 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 826 Message: 826

Hi folks,

Just finished ironing the bugs out of a simple spreadsheet set-up for
estimating battery capacity needed, or how long that battery is likely
to last given your stations' consumption.

You can download it here:

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2011/04/17/how-big-a-battery-do-i-need-in-the-field-heres-a-simple-battery-capacity-estimator-to-help-you-figure-it-out/

It's open source, so feel free to modify and improve. Hope it's
useful...

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
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827. Re: Battery-capacity estimator

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-18 14:13:42 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 826 Message: 827

Pete :

This is a good rough estimator however it seems to be a bit pessimistic in its estimates (which isn't necessarily a bad thing BTW).

What it doesn't seem to take into account is the transmit vs receive time, which of course depends on whether you are just doing casual operating or whether you are contesting. Note that this is different than the Duty Cycle. (i.e. if using RTTY your formula assumes that you are transmitting 100% of the time, not just consuming 100% of the TX current when you are transmitting).

I don't have good numbers for Transmit vs Receive times but I would assume in contesting that it would be closer to 50/50 whereas for casual operation it depends more on the operator but my best guess is the ratio would be more like 40/60 or 30/70.

Michael VE3WMB / VA2NB

P.S. One other consideration .. if you only use Lead Acid batteries for portable operation its probably best to de-rate the capacity of the battery by 50% (i.e a 50Ah battery should be considered to only have 25Ah available) otherwise you will jeopardize the life expectancy of the battery.

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> With best regards,
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> Pete
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>

828. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Battery-capacity estimator

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-18 14:45:01 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 826 Message: 828

Thanks, Michael.

I like to think of it as "conservative." ;-) I think Dr. Megacycles tried to roughly account for transmit v. receive time by averaging the current consumption. That's the term I hadn't included in the spreadsheet I set up a couple of years ago when I saw the bulk of his formulas on an ARES-RACES site. For emergency-comm folks, I could see trying to be conservative.

I would think that op time in various modes varies so widely between operators and circumstances that it would be hard to capture it unless an operator is willing to keep records of his/her operations in some detail. I guess one could infer it from logs, say contesting during a contiguous block of time, noting the length of time, then assuming each exchange in the log takes, what, 30 seconds to a minute, with each station taking up about half that time. That doesn't take into account CQing time, but it would come closer to remaining in the infield than left field! ;-)

As for life expectancy, I left that out because I've seen competent people take different stands. One the one hand, I've seen folks at West Mountain Radio recommend starting a recharge at somewhere around 11.5 or 11.7 volts (that's from memory, it may be a different fraction) -- when their PowerGate distributors are set to signal low voltage. Others who've been around the block say that while drawing a battery down to 10.5 will shorten its life, it will still have plenty of recharging cycles in it, which are unlikely to run out before the battery goes bad for other reasons.

So for a relative newbie to the topic, it's hard to sort such things out. It might be worth including a note somewhere on the spreadsheet that some users recommend halving the Ah capacity on the battery's spec sheet to ensure longer battery life.

Ah, so much to learn!

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "ve3wmb" <mbabineau@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 10:13:42 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Battery-capacity estimator

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829. Re: Battery-capacity estimator

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-18 17:52:47 UTC
From: ve3wmb
Topic: 826 Message: 829

Agreed ! I see the question "How big of a battery do I need for..." asked all the time.

This spreadsheet is a great way to get a reasonable "SWAG" and should be conservative enough to account for most of the variables. It is much better to somewhat over-estimate the required capacity for a number of reasons and I subscribe to the K.I.S.S. principle.

Thanks for putting this together.

BTW I am currently playing with a small (4.3Ah) 12v Li-On Battery pack I picked up on eBay and it seems to be a good match for my KX1 & K1 and at fraction of the size and weight of a 4 to 5Ah SLA battery (note this is LiON and not LiPO).

I have been doing some research on the care and feeding of these batteries and it appears that the secret to their longevity is to keep them cool (i.e < 30 degrees C) and not to store them fully charged. One source recommends storing them in the fridge when not in use.

Michael VE3WMB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., w1pns@... wrote:
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>
> With best regards,
>
> Pete
> W1PNS
>
>

830. ICPO address has changed...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-19 18:30:46 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 830 Message: 830

Please update your links...

http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/icpo.html
http://www.qsl.net/va3rj/dx_v-uhf_cal.html

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

831. USA 783 Split Rock Lighthouse, (S.P.) MN

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-20 12:14:04 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 831 Message: 831

USA 783
Split Rock, Lake Superior, MN, USA
Starting time: 1500 UTC
Freq: 14.280 +/-
End time: 1900 UTC

This is a state park for you POTA folks.
Good luck.
Steve
KD0ETC
Sent from my iPhone

832. CT Bluff Point SP

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-21 01:34:22 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 832 Message: 832

I will be activating Bluff Point State Park this Friday 4/22/2011.
Start time ~ 1600Z
End time: when the battery dies (then maybe from the mobile in the parking lot).
Freq: 14.3425 +/- USB

WU1B/p with the Buddipole

833. A State Park Activation...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-22 11:56:54 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 833 Message: 833

26/04/2011: Andrew, KD5ZZK, will be active on 26 April 2011 as homecall/p from Magazine Mountain (SOTA W5/MA-001, 839m, 2 points, WW Loc. EM35EE), Ozark National Forest State Park, Logan County, State of Arkansas. He will be QRV on 14.285 USB, 50.125 USB and 144.200 USB, starting about 1500z. QSL via home call, bureau or direct.

Yanked from SOTA Watch and Dave VA3RJ's ICPO...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q

834. Enough already, lets get on with some awards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-27 00:34:51 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 834 Message: 834

Ok guys, the group all though not fully dormant needs some action.
I would like some ideas for awards for both activators and chasers and some help with those awards eith in designing a certificate or helping with check logs etc..
We have a fairly large number of Parks wit Activation numbers so time to collect them now and use them...

What form of loggings do we want to see to verify these contacts?
Should the activating station post them to make it easy???

Ideas, ideas, ideas....

I am only one man with limited time but like this hobby and enjoy having fun...

Not only that I know I got Kyles support in whatever we do....

And we also have Peter too....

Let rock gang....

Fred
VE3FAL

835. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-27 00:43:35 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 834 Message: 835
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hopefully when uncle sam somes through for me, ill be able to make more activations.

As far as awards go, I think the way that we do the logs at the minute is fine,

Name, callsign worked, time, frequency and report. The usual stuff - preferably we should have an ADIF log that can be uploaded to the site (whenever that gets going HIHI).

Awards we should have the usual too, 5 10 50 100 etc parks activated or worked.

We could then have a WAP award. I think that's explanatory.

No need to go overboard first off.

charlie

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of fred
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 8:35 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

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No virus found in this message.
Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 10.0.1321 / Virus Database: 1500/3598 - Release Date: 04/26/11

836. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-27 02:09:38 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 834 Message: 836

On Wed, 2011-04-27 at 00:34 +0000, fred wrote:
>

> Let rock gang....
>

Duhn, duhn, duh (pause)
Duhn, duhn, duhn-nuh (pause)
Duhn, duhn, duh,(pause)
Duhn-duhn.

With apologies to Deep Purple.

Some award possibilities, inspired by Charlie's post.

1. For activators, a basic certificate beginning at five new activations, with an endorsement for each additional five. Separate certificates for state/provincial parks and for national parks. For chasers, the same set-up for parks contacted.

2. Once parks are activated, some sort of recognition for an activator re-occupying activated parks a minimum number of times?

3. A chaser award similar to worked all states/provinces, but also with manageable increments, since it may be a while before parks have been activated in a large number of S/Ps. This, too, could have a state/provincial and a national category.

4. A chaser award similar to Worked All Continents, in this case, perhaps, with one park (S/P or national) from each continent.

Pick an already-established outdoor event, like QRP to the Field or QRP Afield and sponsor a certificate within one or each of these for contacting hams in activated parks. We're not horning in, since we would be taking part in that group's activity as participants. So their participation numbers go up. We're merely giving others a chance to grab some extra wallpaper. Thus, those occupying parks for this activity would also need to be sure to enter the other event. That way we're not drawing anyone away from the original contest or QSO party.

Where are we on a web page? If needed, I can pick up with that, although I'm not at a level where I add php doodads and such. Frankly, we could set up a blog on Wordpress or some other free hosting service, with our own art and links to things like SOTA, IOTA, Adventure Radio Society, etc. This would get us up quickly and effectively, with members invited to post their experiences and which the group could use to post information about activities. These posts can automatically be sent out

to interested hams on Twitter and Facebook.

Once we settle on awards, I'd also be happy to help design certificates.

Just a few rambling thoughts...

With best regards,

Pete "Teva time has finally hit MA today!" Spotts

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837. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-27 03:23:42 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 834 Message: 837

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I need the 6 Meter Band to OPEN, but that's a diffrent story... :)

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Plaque for Activating 100 Parks...

Certificate for Chaseing 100 Parks...

Then increment both for each additional 25 with Brass Plates for Plaques,
and Endorsement Stickers for Certificates...

> What form of loggings do we want to see to verify these contacts?

eQSL...

> Should the activating station post them to make it easy???
>
Don't see why not, that's what I do...

> Fred
> VE3FAL
>
Andy N8OFS GOT6???
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q

838. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-27 20:55:22 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 834 Message: 838

Gang:

Just curiuos, where would one get the stickers for certificates made if we went that way after the basic award and had the stickers to apply to them.
I am guessing any print shop would be able to make those.
Only issues here is dollars, I print certifcates and send them out from my own pocket for the SKCC QRP awards, and the paper stock, ink cartridges and postage is not cheap..
I have started PDFing some and letting the recipient print it. But the stickers would be nice to apply to that certificate..

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839. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-27 21:25:59 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 834 Message: 839

Fred,
Search your Yellow pages under Trophies, Plaques, Awards, Signs, Banners etc.
Most every Trophy shop here has them. Also here in NC the Office Max, Office Depot type stores have a printing dept in the back that will carry a limited range of stickers.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 4/27/2011 4:59:23 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, ve3fal@... writes:

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Gang:

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----- Original Message -----
From: _w1pns_ (mailto:w1pns@...)
To: _p_o_t_a_@..._ (mailto:p_o_t_a_@...)
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2011 10:09 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

On Wed, 2011-04-27 at 00:34 +0000, fred wrote:
>

> Let rock gang....
>

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840. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-27 21:03:27 UTC
From: jeff.dale@gmail.com
Topic: 834 Message: 840

Contact me offlist. I can help
-----Original Message-----
From: "VE3FAL" <ve3fal@tbaytel.net>
Sender: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Wed, 27 Apr 2011 16:55:22
To: <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Reply-To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Enough already, lets get on with some awards

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841. N2YYZ/p Spectacle Island IOTA/POTA activation, USislands qualification

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-04-29 21:22:52 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 321 Message: 841

WHAT: Attempting my first IOTA activation, POTA activation, and US Islands qualification
WHERE: Spectacle Island in the Boston Harbor Islands State Park; grid locator FN42mh
WHO: N2YYZ/p
WHEN: approx 1500Z-1900Z on Sunday 1 May 2011.

IDENTIFIERS: IOTA NA-148, USislands MA010, POTA USMA003
FREQ: 14260 +/-, 18128 +/-
perhaps others (like 15m if it is open); I will post my current frequency in my APRS status message.
APRS: http://aprs.fi/?call=N2YYZ-7
WX: Forecast is sunny, high 60F/16C, winds 15mph/24kph
RIG: IC-7000 w/ Ventenna HFp vertical & Buddipole A123 4S4P battery. SSB only; still learning Morse. TH-D72A w/ 2m halfwave for APRS.

Hope to meet you on the air!

vy 73,
-chris N2YYZ
FN42ki

842. Re: N2YYZ/p Spectacle Island IOTA/POTA activation, USislands qualification

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-01 15:21:33 UTC
From: Chris Danis
Topic: 321 Message: 842

ARGH. The ferry is not running today. Sorry all.

-chris
sent from my mobile
On Apr 29, 2011 5:22 PM, "Chris Danis" <cdanis@...> wrote:
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843. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: N2YYZ/p Spectacle Island IOTA/POTA activation, USislands qualification

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-01 15:26:18 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 321 Message: 843

On Sun, 2011-05-01 at 11:21 -0400, Chris Danis wrote:
>
> ARGH. The ferry is not running today. Sorry all.
>
> -chris
> sent from my mobile
>

You have my deepest sympathy, Chris. It's a great day for an Islandxpedition! Just got my annual state-park pass from the MASS DNR. I don't know where you live, but perhaps at some point we could team up by activating different parks on the same day (a twofer for other ops!).

With best regards,

Pete

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844. Paul B, Johnson State Park in Mississippi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-05 13:17:52 UTC
From: Van
Topic: 844 Message: 844

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845. Re: Paul B, Johnson State Park in Mississippi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-05 14:04:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 844 Message: 845

Van,

Check out this link for FAQ's on POTA: http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/YK3CTUkG933MU5rLxqRdV_Ak3opDGuIlstfd0Y7uXgyh7vBTQPR9ozwSs1k50FjpW8mehkZlOKc0vPpeOcETSaFkzv8/Parks%20On%20the%20Air.doc

I will be on vacation too so I'll be looking for you.

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846. Camp Helen near Panama City Beach on May 14th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-11 00:00:11 UTC
From: n4kgl
Topic: 846 Message: 846

The Panama City ARC will attempt an activation at Camp Helen State Park in NW Florida on May 14th starting around 10 AM CDT. The club call sign W4RYZ will be used. We hope the weather cooperates. Likely a mix of CW and SSB depending on what members want to try. On CW I'll focus on FISTS frequencies.

Greg N4KGL

847. OK, we need a new "offshoot" ;-)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-12 12:40:27 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 847 Message: 847

So, here I am on a Thursday morning during a week's vacation, and I'm sitting in an auto dealer waiting for recall repairs to our car. Five to six hours I'll be here (fortunately, I planned for it). But it leads me to rise and inquire: Do we need a Car Dealers on the Air? I shoulda brought my QRP rig and thrown up an antenna!

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848. Re: [p_o_t_a_] OK, we need a new "offshoot" ;-)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-12 12:57:59 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 847 Message: 848

I'll start working on that one straight away Pete..

Just trying to line up some starts for awards for POTA and CPOTA, kind of cramped with work, family, and family medical issues to put any time in right now.

Spring is finally on its way for at least today when the thermometer hits 23C...

Now back to my hole....

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http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

On Thu, 12 May 2011 08:40:27 -0400
w1pns <w1pns@...> wrote:
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849. Hello, new to the Goup, we'll be activating YV national parks soon!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-12 17:17:21 UTC
From: YY5DCV - Dario Carrera
Topic: 849 Message: 849

Hello Group, I have just found the group, joined and read up on a few documents. Sooner rather than later Ill start with the activations from YV Nat'l parks. I'll also be providing the moderators a list of our national parks to be uploaded soon enough. I will send the heads up with plenty of warning for all to be QAP when the activations occur. I hope to meet you guys on the air!!!

73's,

Dario Carrera

YY5DCV

FK60NL

850. Finally Home

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-13 11:01:17 UTC
From: Van Carpenter
Topic: 850 Message: 850

O.K. Finally returned to the house from vacation. I will upload the contacts I made from Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg, Mississippi today I hope. As it worked out - I operated portable instead of mobil using a G5RV up in a pine tree (inverted vee) with my Icom 718 (<100 watts). Beautiful place and great antenna site! WB5LAI

851. Re: Paul B, Johnson State Park in Mississippi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-13 11:34:01 UTC
From: Van
Topic: 844 Message: 851

O.K. - Here are some of the 21 contacts I made from Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg, Mississippi on Monday, May 9, 2011. ll were on 20 mtrs USB.

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K9RJO 17:40z
WD0CKC 18:59z
K0HAN 19:01z
KA4DLW 19:05z
N2LID 19:06

Because of the noise level I chose not to operate QRP so all contacts were less than 100 watts. WB5LAI

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852. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-13 13:03:12 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 852

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ActivatedParksbyState-Province-Countries.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Activated Parks by State-Province-Countries

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ActivatedParksbyState-Province-Countries.x
ls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

853. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Paul B, Johnson State Park in Mississippi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-13 13:05:57 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 844 Message: 853

Steve,

I have it updated on the following link:
http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/UCvNTSpI1F_74bbMMZyPPA816xp8O5ubuYIzSrhxKGbnU2M6i2s3gzrpT5OC8vjiNA6StazK20cBQyxo5fr85IXwXws/ActivatedParksbyState-Province-Countries.xls

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From: Van <svanccar@yahoo.com>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Paul B, Johnson State Park in Mississippi
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Friday, May 13, 2011, 7:34 AM

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854. Re: Camp Helen near Panama City Beach on May 14th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-13 13:23:14 UTC
From: n4kgl
Topic: 846 Message: 854

Cancelled due to weather.

Greg N4KGL

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "n4kgl" <LaneKG@...> wrote:
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855. Frequency

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-15 17:58:31 UTC
From: goodyeardon
Topic: 855 Message: 855

Any particular freq area.

856. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Frequency

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-15 18:08:13 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 855 Message: 856

On Sun, 2011-05-15 at 17:58 +0000, goodyeardon wrote:
>
> Any particular freq area.
>
>

Nope. But you might want to post the frequencies you're likely to be using here and on any other lists you may subscribe to. And if you're running QRP, it's helpful to spot yourself on QRPSPOTS.com.

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857. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Frequency

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-15 18:16:13 UTC
From: kb5iqj@aol.com
Topic: 855 Message: 857

Thanks Pete. Will keep that in mind.
73's Don

In a message dated 5/15/2011 1:08:23 P.M. Central Daylight Time,
w1pns@... writes:

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858. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Frequency

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-15 18:22:10 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 855 Message: 858

On Sun, 2011-05-15 at 14:16 -0400, kb5iqj@... wrote:
>
> Thanks Pete. Will keep that in mind.
> 73's Don
>

Oh, and I should mention that the group is fairly new and still getting
its feet wet. So if you post something and don't hear back quickly, it's
not that you're being ignored! ;-)

With best regards,

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859. Successful First Activation Hatteras National Seashore May 17 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-18 19:18:23 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 859 Message: 859

On Tues May 17, 2011 I activated Hatteras National Seashore from the Hatteras National Seashore campground on Ocracoke Island, NC. I operated using the house batteries of my small motorhome. Setup was an Elecraft K3 barefoot into a half wave end fed vertical dipole for 20M. The antenna was hung from a 40 ft fiberglass pole mounted to the back of the motorhome and was matched with an isolation transformer designed and built by my Elmer, N2PK. My campsite was about 100 yards from the ocean in an uninhabited part of Ocracoke Island, an ideal location for a vertical antenna. I made 9 phone contacts in quick succession all on 14275.5. Times are UTC. The contacts are listed below:

Time Call Name Signal QTH
Report

1813 WA0UAY Rick 57 IA
1823 KE5ELS Roger 59 MS
1831 WA4GSI Charley 59 NC
1835 KI4OXP Joe 58 FL
1839 KB4DXV Jim 33 AZ
1843 W4PLV Steve 58 FL
1858 KI6TND Gary 59 TX
1900 WB0CQO Joe 57 IA
1902 W4FUN Dennis 59 FL

73, Larry, K4KGG

860. 20 meters..Friday

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-19 11:42:30 UTC
From: Edwin
Topic: 860 Message: 860

I plan on operating from Light House Park in Ct. on Friday, May 20,2011
from 10am local time till about 12pm. Operation will be on 14.300 SSB.

861. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-19 13:29:44 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 861

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NorthCarolinaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : North Carolina State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NorthCarolinaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.x
ls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

862. Re: New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 11:21:19 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 5 Message: 862

Kyle -

Thanks for updating the NC Parks File with my activation information.

73, Larry, K4KGG

863. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 12:08:54 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 863

I made a mistake on the ID for your National Park...It should be "NPNC001"

It is now corrected.

Kyle N4NSS
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

--- On Fri, 5/20/11, Larry Libsch <llibsch@...> wrote:

Thanks for updating the NC Parks File with my activation information.

73, Larry, K4KGG

864. California announces closures of 70 state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 13:43:40 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 864 Message: 864

Hi all,

It's now official, 70 of California's state parks will begin reducing services by summer and shutting their doors in September. The last of the parks will be locked up by July 2012. Everyone knew that closures were coming, but nobody knew how many or when. Read more and see a complete list of the parks to be closed.
http://rvingcalifornia.blogspot.com/2011/05/california-anounces-closures\-of-70.html
<http://rvingcalifornia.blogspot.com/2011/05/california-anounces-closure\s-of-70.html>

Although we don't have any real action comming from California time is wasting. Get out there before we loose them.

I will start on a Parks list ..... just get out there!

73, Kyle N4NSS@... <mailto:N4NSS@...>

865. Re: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 14:52:02 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 864 Message: 865

This is really sad. Didn't Arizona shutter some recently as well? Arghhh...

With best regards,

Pete "Born and raised in California but to far away to do anything about this" Spotts
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 9:43:40 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

Hi all,

It's now official, 70 of California's state parks will begin reducing services by summer and shutting their doors in September. The last of the parks will be locked up by July 2012. Everyone knew that closures were coming, but nobody knew how many or when. Read more and see a complete list of the parks to be closed.
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866. Re: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 16:34:21 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 864 Message: 866

I am guessing this is all due to a short fall of money in the State and the economy. We have seen it in Ontario over the past 15 years with Parks still open per say, but no camping etc....I have bene asking how I can adopt Pigeion River Provincial Park to keep trails open and paths clear for people to hike and walk...

Sad sad..

Fred
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES
----- Original Message -----
From: w1pns@...
To: p o t a
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 10:52 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

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With best regards,

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@yahoo.com>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 9:43:40 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

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73, Kyle N4NSS@...

867. WIlsons Creek National Battlefield ....

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 18:12:14 UTC
From: af5q@yahoo.com
Topic: 867 Message: 867

I will be there Monday from around 10.a.m. to around noon. Look for me on around 14.275 +/- 10

73,

Ron, AF5Q

868. Re: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 18:55:27 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 864 Message: 868

I understand you are busy but this would require help and I will look for ideas for you.

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., PB #117, SKCC #3595,
NAQCC #2019, FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567,
CW-QRP-Homebrewers
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

--- On Fri, 5/20/11, VE3FAL <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Friday, May 20, 2011, 12:34 PM

☐
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Sad sad..

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CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer
DEC Amethyst District ARES

----- Original Message -----
From: w1pns@...
To: p o t a
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 10:52 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

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With best regards,

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W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 9:43:40 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] California announces closures of 70 state parks

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73, Kyle N4NSS@...

869. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-20 18:57:18 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 869

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /CaliforniaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : California State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CaliforniaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

870. Re: New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-21 11:46:19 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 5 Message: 870

Kyle -

Correction noted. NPNC001 is the identifier I will use on my QSL cards. Thanks for all you do for POTA.

Larry, K4KGG

871. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-21 17:48:21 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 871

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NewMexicoStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : New Mexico State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NewMexicoStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

872. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-05-21 19:18:01 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 872

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NevadaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Nevada State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NevadaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

873. Desota National Forest - Big Biloxi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-01 03:06:46 UTC
From: Van
Topic: 873 Message: 873

Just found out - I leave early in the morning (Wednesday, June 1) for Big Biloxi Campground / Park 10 miles north of Gulfport, MS. This is part of the Desota National forest. I will be set up by about three or four o'clock and operate on whatever band is open until late at night. I will be operating all day Thursday and until noon Friday. Hope to make a lot of contacts. Will be portable or mobile at various times, on low power (less than 100 watts). Listen for me!!

874. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Desota National Forest - Big Biloxi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-01 05:28:11 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 873 Message: 874

What frequencies can we find you near???

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
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http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
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On Wed, 01 Jun 2011 03:06:46 -0000
"Van" <svanccar@...> wrote:
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Biloxi Campground / Park 10 miles north of Gulfport, MS. This is part of the
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portable or mobile at various times, on low power (less than 100 watts).
Listen for me!!

875. Re: Desota National Forest - Big Biloxi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-01 14:26:40 UTC
From: Van
Topic: 873 Message: 875

I'll tune between 14.175 and 14.225 looking for a clear spot. After "20" closes I'll go to 7.125 - 7.225 and call "CQ" in both places (until I burn out!).

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
> What frequencies can we find you near???
>
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> Fred
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> portable or mobile at various times, on low power (less than 100 watts).
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>

876. Re: Desota National Forest - Big Biloxi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-02 17:21:54 UTC
From: RadioMB
Topic: 873 Message: 876

Hello Fred,
I have been listening for you. 40 has been dead most times. Might be a little close on 20 meters? I think it is under 400 air miles from West Palm Beach FL to Biloxi. Are you still planning on operating the rest of Thursday and part of Fri? Hope to catch you.

73 Mike K4MIA

877. WB5LAI at Desota National Forest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-04 19:01:56 UTC
From: Van
Topic: 877 Message: 877

Great couple of days! Had 23 contacts altogther (including those on N.A.T.A. and OMISS.) Started out with P29TL in Papua, New Guinea, then NA1A in California, N3LWM in PA, K7XDX in Oregon, K8PPZ in Ohio, then KB5YQ in Texas. And that's how the bands worked the whole time. Operated SSB, portable, under 100 watts, G5RV at 40'. Used comercial power instead of generator or battery because it was there and I needed a fan in the 101 degree heat!!! WB5LAI

878. Refined spreadsheet to calculate battery capacity needs

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-07 13:26:55 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 878 Message: 878

Feel free to download...

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2011/06/06/battery-capacity-estimator-revisited/

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

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-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

879. Numbered Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-07 19:11:16 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 879 Message: 879

Kyle:

How many numbered Parks are we currently at right now.
How many in the US and how many in Canada.
I am at work and cant acccess Yahoo.com from here for that information..

Fred
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880. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbered Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-07 19:59:08 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 879 Message: 880

Fred,
Good question....working on it ....I will get back to you on that one....

Kyle N4NSS

--- On Tue, 6/7/11, Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@tbaytel.net> wrote:

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Numbered Parks
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 3:11 PM

Kyle:

How many numbered Parks are we currently at right now.
How many in the US and how many in Canada.
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Fred
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881. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Numbered Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 01:36:15 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 879 Message: 881

Activation by State and Country
Alabama: 1
Colorado.. 3 NP: 1
Florida... 11 NP: 2
Georgia... 2
Indiana.... 2
Mass..   2
Michigan. 1
N.C.........4
Ohio.........3
VT..........2?
Canada.....?

Kyle N4NSS

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From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Numbered Parks
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 3:11 PM

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882. In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budget□s

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 11:57:31 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 882 Message: 882

The cost of having fun in this country will cost you....

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/07/us/07parks.html
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/07/us/07parks.html>

Get out there soooon!

N4NSS Kyle

883. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budget□s

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 12:02:37 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 882 Message: 883

On Wed, 2011-06-08 at 11:57 +0000, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
>
> The cost of having fun in this country will cost you....
>
> http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/07/us/07parks.html
>
> Get out there soooon!
>
> N4NSS Kyle

Whew! Glad I have my seasonal pass in hand for MA. This is going to get
interesting.

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
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884. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budget’s

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 12:33:02 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 884 Message: 884

Annual Pass (April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012) Cost: $150.50

Winter Pass (Dec. 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011) Cost: $70.00

Summer Pass (April 1, 2011 - Nov. 30, 2011) Cost: $107.50

This is what it costs us for a seasonal pass in Ontario..

Fred
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On Wed, 08 Jun 2011 11:57:31 -0000
"Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...> wrote:

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http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/07/us/07parks.html
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/07/us/07parks.html>

Get out there soooon!

N4NSS Kyle

885. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sha rpest Ax Is the Budget’s

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 14:03:32 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 885 Message: 885

Bummer...
does that include all parks in Ontario Fred?

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 6/8/2011 8:33:06 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
ve3fal@... writes:

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886. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budget’s

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 14:10:47 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 885 Message: 886

Minnesota state parks: $25. Annual for access to all

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2011, at 9:03, KB4QQJ@... wrote:

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>
> Randy_KB4QQJ
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>
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>

887. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budget's

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 14:17:27 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 885 Message: 887

Minnesota has not yet passed a budget due to a standoff
Between democrats and republicans. If not resolved by June 30 all
State parks may have to close.
Steve
KD0ETC

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2011, at 9:10, Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:

> Minnesota state parks: $25. Annual for access to all
>
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Jun 8, 2011, at 9:03, KB4QQJ@... wrote:
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888. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budgetâ☐☐s

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 14:34:50 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 885 Message: 888

As far as I know, Ohio's are still free... I was just in Findley and Geneva, checkin things out, tryin to plot out my plans for ARRL Sept VHF and ARRL Jan VHF Contests... The one Park I really wanna try this year is Malabar, you can park right on a peak of the tallest hill for miles...

PeAcE...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???
Locked on 52.525FM...

889. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budget’s

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 14:35:06 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 884 Message: 889

Yes all Parks across the Province.....

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On Wed, 8 Jun 2011 10:03:32 -0400 (EDT)
KB4QQJ@... wrote:
Bummer...
does that include all parks in Ontario Fred?

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 6/8/2011 8:33:06 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
ve3fal@... writes:

Annual Pass (April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012) Cost: $150.50

Winter Pass (Dec. 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011) Cost: $70.00

Summer Pass (April 1, 2011 - Nov. 30, 2011) Cost: $107.50

This is what it costs us for a seasonal pass in Ontario..

890. Re: [p_o_t_a_] In State Parks, the Sharpest Ax Is the Budget's

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-08 14:37:13 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 884 Message: 890

I sure hope they dont Steve, some very beautiful Parks along the highway there for sure. I have seen Parks close here for that reason and I am still trying to find out how I can adopt or take over Pigeon River Park that has been closed. I occasionally go out there to cut blowndown trees off the trails and operate portable beside the Pigeon River.

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On Wed, 8 Jun 2011 09:17:27 -0500
Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:
Minnesota has not yet passed a budget due to a standoff
Between democrats and republicans. If not resolved by June 30 all
State parks may have to close.
Steve
KD0ETC

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 8, 2011, at 9:10, Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:

> Minnesota state parks: $25. Annual for access to all
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jun 8, 2011, at 9:03, KB4QQJ@... wrote:
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891. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-11 17:18:21 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 891

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MississippiStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Mississippi State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MississippiStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

892. Florida State Parks considering privatizing at least some state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-11 18:33:44 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 892 Message: 892

The Sunshine State has now joined a host of state and other government entities giving thought to privatization of at least some park functions. The state is looking to turning over at least some park operations to private concessionaires. In essence, the new plan would have to allow private companies to build RV camping and tenting sites in established state parks and operate them at a profit. Read more <http://rvnewsservice.com/?p=546> .

N4NSS Kyle

893. Mississippi State Parks & Activation Info

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-12 01:11:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 893 Message: 893

Updated contact log and dates.

N4NSS Kyle

894. Events/Activations Calendar??

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-16 05:07:53 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 894 Message: 894

Hello the Group,

Since there are more than a few of you that regularly operate portable from varying sites, I wonder if there is any interest in an "Events/Activations" calendar being maintained? I managed the SKCC calendar for a few years and have passed that on to others now but still maintain an event calendar with QRP events/sprints and QSO parties that interest me. It would be quite easy for me to post info of your events or activations including times/dates/frequencies/Parks and links if there is an interest. You can see the calendar here:
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl or you can go to kb4qqj.com and click on "Monthly Events Calendar" just under the GORC logo. Find an event that interests you, click on its link and then click on any links in the description for rules or detailed information.If there is an interest let me know.
I no longer know who owns/moderates this group or I would have asked directly.

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

895. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Events/Activations Calendar??

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-16 10:43:51 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 894 Message: 895

Randy,

It seems there are a few POTA-CPOA's around. I for one wouldn't mind at all if you posted your calendar and/or reminders of events periodically.

Sometimes out of necessity members are inspired and motivated to take up the torch and run with it. I guess that is one reason I started to post State activation / info files.

I belong to the "Just do it!" generation.......Come join me....

73,
Kyle N4NSS

--- On Thu, 6/16/11, kb4qqj <kb4qqj@...> wrote:

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Randy_KB4QQJ

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896. VA3SIE POTA from Frontenac Provincial Park, Saturday.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-18 04:30:06 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 896 Message: 896

Hi, All.

This weekend I am canoe camping in the back country in Frontenac Provincial Park in Ontario.

I expect to be on the air Saturday evening.

I will be calling CQ PB (Polar Bear) DE VA3SIE/P for the Polar Bear Summer Picnic Event :

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PolarBearQRP_Ops/

If you hear me, give me a call :-D

73
Martin.
VA3SIE.

897. National Parks no fee June 21st

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-18 13:50:34 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 897 Message: 897

The National Park Service is waiving all entrance fees on June 21 -- the first day of summer. "The longest day of the year is the perfect time to take a short trip. Celebrate an extended Father's Day with Dad, PLAY RADIO, the start of summer break with the kids, or a job well done with your favorite graduate," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. "With 394 national parks across the country, you could opt to visit an old favorite or explore a new place." Read more <http://www.nationalparkvisitor.com/2011/06/kick-off-summer-with-free-vi\ sit-to.html> .

Kyle N4NSS

898. Re: VA3SIE POTA from Frontenac Provincial Park, Saturday.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-20 19:01:58 UTC
From: martingillen
Topic: 896 Message: 898

Hi, Group.

My wife and I has fun portaging and canoe camping in Frontenac Provincial Park this past weekend. I had my KX1 along and I was able to have a couple of 2 X QRP QSOs as well as a handful of other QSOs from the park...

Here's a video that I created:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-S6Ate1Z9pE&hd=1

Isn't trail friendly radio fun? ;-D

73
Martin.
VA3SIE.

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "martingillen" <va3sie@...> wrote:
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> Hi, All.
>
> This weekend I am canoe camping in the back country in Frontenac Provincial Park in Ontario.
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> I expect to be on the air Saturday evening.
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> I will be calling CQ PB (Polar Bear) DE VA3SIE/P for the Polar Bear Summer Picnic Event :
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> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PolarBearQRP_Ops/
>
> If you hear me, give me a call :-D
>
> 73
> Martin.
> VA3SIE.
>

899. NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the June POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-21 06:53:26 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 899 Message: 899

Hello the Group,
I will be adding this group to my Events Calendar. If you have an upcoming event you can advise me of in advance, please let me know and I'll get it posted on the event calendar. For now I'm including all events to include State QSO parties, Special Events and personal requests. If that turns out to be too busy for the group then I'll change it to just reflect POTA events. Below is the format I'll be posting as a reminder when a new event is uploaded or twice monthly as needed. Here is the link to the calendar and if we get a web site for POTA I'll have it linked to that page as well.
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl
This is your calendar, let me know what you think. Because we span several time zones and countries only UTC/Zulu time will be used. If you are not comfortable with that, send it in your local time and I'll convert. Be sure to let me know what time zone you are in.
you can also text me the info if you are so inclined and I can post it on short notice.
Your input, suggestions and comments are welcome.

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ
============== Planned Announcement Format ==================
This email message is a notification that NEW EVENTS have been
uploaded to the June/July Events Calendar.
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl

NEW EVENTS:
☐ VA3SIE Frontenac Provincial Park, Activation Saturday 18 June
☐ Marconi Memorial contest
☐ QRP ARCI Field day (CW)
☐ ARRL Field Day
☐ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug mW sprint
☐ SKCC straight key Sprint
☐ RAC Canada Day Contest July 1
☐ 13 Original Colonies Special Event week July 1
☐ MI QRP Fourth of July Sprint

>> ON THE CALENDAR,CLICK ON THE DESIRED EVENT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS <<

Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and other members

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU WANT LISTED ON THE CALENDAR.
PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO kb4qqj@... <mailto:kb4qqj@...>

900. NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the July POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-06-30 23:32:54 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 900 Message: 900

This email message is a notification that NEW EVENTS have been
uploaded to the July Events Calendar.
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl

NEW EVENTS:
☐ VE3FAL Elizabeth Lake Operations 1 July - 5 July
☐ Original QRP Contest
☐ FISTS Summer Sprint
☐ IARU World Championship
☐ QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint
☐ CQ WW VHF Contest (6&2 meters)
☐ RSGB Low Power Field Day
☐ Colorado Gold Rush Contest
☐ RSGB IOTA Contest

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901. Re: NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the July POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 03:22:08 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 900 Message: 901

Ouch!!
I left out the Flight of the Bumbles....got a sting out of that one..sorry.

Randy_KB4QQJ

>> ON THE CALENDAR,CLICK ON THE DESIRED EVENT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS <<

Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and other members

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--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "kb4qqj" <kb4qqj@...> wrote:
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> ☐ Colorado Gold Rush Contest
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> PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO kb4qqj@ <mailto:kb4qqj@>
>

902. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the July POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 03:25:11 UTC
From: Larry Makoski
Topic: 900 Message: 902

On 6/30/2011 11:22 PM, kb4qqj wrote:
>
> Ouch!!
> I left out the Flight of the Bumbles....got a sting out of that
> one..sorry.
>
> Randy_KB4QQJ
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>

Can't forget that one! ;-)

Larry W2LJ

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73 de Larry W2LJ
QRP - When you care to send the very least!

http://w2lj.blogspot.com/
http://www.w2lj.qrpradio.com/

903. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the July POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 03:32:05 UTC
From: Randy Drake
Topic: 900 Message: 903

Ha yea, I was swarmed!! ;-)

On Thu, Jun 30, 2011 at 11:25 PM, Larry Makoski <w2lj@...> wrote:

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> ** On 6/30/2011 11:22 PM, kb4qqj wrote:
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> I left out the Flight of the Bumbles....got a sting out of that one..sorry.
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> Randy_KB4QQJ
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> Can't forget that one! ;-)
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> Larry W2LJ
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> --
> 73 de Larry W2LJ
> QRP - When you care to send the very least!
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904. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the July POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 03:56:58 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 900 Message: 904

The air was buzzing with excitement...
The thought gives me hives...

Oh oh, my honey is calling,,,,he he..

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On Thu, 30 Jun 2011 23:32:05 -0400
Randy Drake <kb4qqj@...> wrote:
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On Thu, Jun 30, 2011 at 11:25 PM, Larry Makoski <w2lj@...> wrote:

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905. Activation Acadia National Park, ME Sat 7/9 1200 - 1500 UTC 14.260MHz +/- 10 K

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 15:40:36 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 905 Message: 905

All -

Sat July 9, 2011 I plan activation of Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME. 14.260 MHz +/- 10 KHz. Approx 1200 - 1500 UTC. I'll be at the top of Cadillac Mtn in the Park. Please stop by and say hello.

K4KGG, Larry

906. Re: Activation Acadia National Park, ME Sat 7/9 1200 - 1500 UTC 14.260MHz +/- 10 K

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 16:28:32 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 905 Message: 906

Reminder posted to Calendar
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?event_id=73&view=Event&style=Grid&calendar=default&view=Month

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "llibsch" <llibsch@...> wrote:
>
> All -
>
> Sat July 9, 2011 I plan activation of Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME. 14.260 MHz +/- 10 KHz. Approx 1200 - 1500 UTC. I'll be at the top of Cadillac Mtn in the Park. Please stop by and say hello.
>
> K4KGG, Larry
>

907. Something to add to the Calendar...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 16:35:35 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 905 Message: 907

Please add the OSPOTA (Ohio State Parks On The Air) Contest to the Calendar...

http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/ospota-rules-2011.pdf

I can't even BEGIN to think that far ahead into September, but when I make up my mind what I'm doing, I'll be sure to let ya'll know...

Andy N8OFS GOT6???

908. Re: Something to add to the Calendar...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-01 17:26:04 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 905 Message: 908

> Thanks Andy, I post that one every year so I won't miss it. I went ahead
> and posted a tentative date and I'll adjust it as I hear from the OSPOTA
> committee. Rules have a way of changing if I post early.. :-) Thanks for
> the heads up.
>
Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 1600 UTC to 2400 UTC

Most years, it ends up being the first day of the ARRL Sept VHF Contest...
This year, the 2 Contests parallel... So if I run out Saturday to
Findley State Park, I don't start until 1800Z which is the start of the
ARRL Sept VHF Contest... The problem is, I hafta sign 2 diffrent
callsigns; N8OFS/8 for the Park/OSPOTA, and N8OFS/R for the ARRL Sept VHF
Contest... On Sunday, I'm usually back in my driveway, but I may attempt
Malabar Farms State Park...

> Randy_KB4QQJ
>
Andy N8OFS GOT6???

909. Minnesota shuts down its state parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-03 12:12:37 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 909 Message: 909

Minnesota shuts down its state parks without warning
A lot of Minnesota campers are disappointed right about now after the
state, without a new budget, abruptly shut down is state parks and
forests July 1, ruining many family's Fourth of July outtings. Read more
<http://rvnewsservice.com/?p=550> .

Thank goodness there is an alternative:

CPOTA: http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/
<http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/>

N4NSS Kyle

910. Georgia has opened Chattahoochee Bend State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-03 12:23:59 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 910 Message: 910

Georgia has opened its first state park in 45 years.

Chattahoochee Bend State Park offers 51 reservable campsites, 24
RV-ready. The 2,900 acre park also offers fishing, boating and hiking.
It's northwest of Newnan off Interstate 85.

N4NSS Kyle

Please add to Georgia State park file......

911. Texas - Daingerfield State Park reopens

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-03 12:28:10 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 911 Message: 911

Daingerfield State Park reopens with new, improved campground
<http://www.texasrver.com/2011/06/daingerfield-state-park-to-reopen-afte\
r.html> .

N4NSS Kyle

912. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Texas - Daingerfield State Park reopens

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-03 12:48:41 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 911 Message: 912

Good morning from Minnesota, Kyle, Land of 10,000 Lakes, and 201 incompetent legislators elected by an ignorant electorate.
I continue with my city park challenge, having now worked 110 of 135 Duluthe city parks. I listen all the time for POTA but have not heard any recently. Today will be Merritt city park along the Superior Hiking Trail near the Fond du Luth neighborhood. It is a beautiful day to operate from a park.
Hope to hear you on 20 or 17 m.
73
Steve, KD0ETC

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 3, 2011, at 7:28, "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...> wrote:

> Daingerfield State Park reopens with new, improved campground.
>
> N4NSS Kyle
>
>

913. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Texas - Daingerfield State Park reopens

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-03 13:10:01 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 911 Message: 913

Starting in late July I will have two weekends off per month. Job is going to 12 hr shifts.....

I hope to be out in the parks more often....he he he
 73,
Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
 PB #117, SKCC #3595, NAQCC #2019,
 FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567, ARPorable
 P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., CW-QRP-Homebrewers,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

 Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...>
>To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
>Sent: Sunday, July 3, 2011 8:48 AM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Texas - Daingerfield State Park reopens
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>>Daingerfield State Park reopens with new, improved campground.
>>N4NSS Kyle
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914. New link added to the LINKS section

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-05 00:37:29 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 914 Message: 914

This message is to notify the group a link to the Events Calendar has been added to the LINKS section of the P.O.T.A. Yahoo Group.
You can find it here:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/links

915. Jeff VA3ISP you around

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-07 17:30:53 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 915 Message: 915

You around Jeff, your old email addy is bouncing back...

Fred
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916. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Jeff VA3ISP you around

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-07 17:49:43 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 915 Message: 916

jeff.dale@...

On Thu, Jul 7, 2011 at 1:30 PM, Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@tbaytel.net> wrote:

> **
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>
> You around Jeff, your old email addy is bouncing back...
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> Fred
> YouKits Canada Rep.
> http://www.youkits.com
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917. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-07 17:31:18 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 917

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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File : /CanadaProvinces&territories /OntarioParksActivations&Logs.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Ontario Parks Activations & Logs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/OntarioParksActivations%26Logs.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

918. West Virginia - Little Beaver State Park - new campground

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-09 12:21:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 918 Message: 918

West Virginia has opened a new campground at Little Beaver State Park. Thirty water and electric sites opened July 1, with another 16 water-only to come. The park was previously a day-use-only facility.

N4NSS Kyle

919. Successful Activation Acadia National Park &/9/2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-10 22:22:21 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 919 Message: 919

Hello Group,

On July 9, 2011 I successfully activated Acadia National Park. Acadia National Park is in Maine, near Bar Harbor. The Park is on Mount Desert Island, so I also activated the Island as IOTA NA-055.

I worked 20M from the summit of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park. The early morning weather was rain and heavy fog. That meant almost no one else was at the summit, which meant I had my choice of parking spots for my small motorhome. Yes, I drove to the summit. On a clear summer day, the parking lot is jammed, so in this way the bad weather worked for me. It also meant erecting the antenna while trying to keep the coax connector dry was a soggy chore. Happily there was no wind. Once this was done, I cranked on the K3 to find powerful contest stations dominating most frequencies on the 20M band. I was finally able to squeeze in on 14.264 MHz, but had to endure QRM which made receive a challange. Despite these handicaps, I was able to work the contacts needed for park activation in quick succession. I am beginning to encounter hams that know about POTA, though it hasn't yet been obvious that anyone read the activation announcement on the POTA Yahoo Group and tuned in to claim the park I'm activating. All times are UCT. All contacts were made on14.264 or 14.263 MHz. I used the call K4KGG/1. All contacts will be uploaded to LOTW and receive QSL cards.

12:44 N3SJN Chuck PA
12:47 KB3HGG Pete PA
12:50 KB2FIV Val NY
12:54 W4YBV Gary FL
12:58 W1KRK Kevin MA
13:04 KC4LNX Jerry GA
13:08 WA1GS Guy CT
13:13 K3OWZ John PA
13:20 AF4JC James FL
13:28 WB2ELD Art NJ
13:33 N3HIS John PA
13:39 KB5VP/1 Don VT
13:43 K4RHD Morgan VA
13:54 W1BON Bump MA

K4KGG, Larry

920. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-11 02:57:34 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 920

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MaineStateParks&ActivationQSOs.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Maine State Parks & Activation QSOs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MaineStateParks%26ActivationQSOs.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

921. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Acadia National Park &/9/2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-11 03:00:23 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 919 Message: 921

Very good job Larry....Another one for the record....soon I won't be missing contacts with you..

73,
Kyle N4NSSLicensed 1966 GORC#126,
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From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2011 6:22 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Acadia National Park &/9/2011 K4KGG
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922. Re: Successful Activation Acadia National Park &/9/2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-11 12:26:06 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 919 Message: 922

Kyle -

Thanks for posting my activation on the Maine list of parks. I
take your comment to mean that you may retire soon. Retirement's been
good to me.
I'm going to be in Canada for awhile and hope to do some activations
from there. Would you please remind me, is it .adi or Cabrillo file
format for the activation log, and where do I send it?
Thanks for your work for POTA.

Larry, K4KGG

923. NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the August POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-12 03:19:49 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 923 Message: 923

This email message is a notification that NEW EVENTS have been
uploaded to the August Events Calendar located here:
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl

NEW EVENTS:
Monday, August 1
☐ 0:00 -23:59 : SKCC- Straight Key Night
☐ DxPedition P29CW
Saturday, August 6
☐ Ten-Ten QSO Party (SSB)
☐ ARRL UHF Contest
☐ North American QSO Party (CW)
Sunday, August 7
☐ Ten-Ten QSO Party (SSB)
☐ ARRL UHF Contest
☐ North American QSO Party (CW)
Thursday, August 11
☐ 0:30 -2:30 : NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint
Sunday, August 14
☐ SKCC Weekend Sprint
Monday, August 15
☐ 1:00 -3:00 : RUN FOR THE BACON (CW)
Wednesday, August 24
☐ 0:00 -2:00 : SKCC Straight Key Sprint

>> ON THE CALENDAR,CLICK ON THE DESIRED EVENT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS <<

Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and POTA members

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR PARK ACTIVATION YOU WANT LISTED
PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO kb4qqj[at]gmail[dot]com

924. Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-12 12:11:58 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 924 Message: 924

To: POTA fans:
From: KD0ETC

Preparations are proceeding well for my expedition to the Apostle Island National Lakeshore in Wisconsin.
For POTA collectors here is an opportunity to work an island group National Park.
For US Island collectors here there are 21 islands in this Lake Superior group and I will work from 3 or 4 of them.
 For Lighthouse collectors I will be activating three Lighthouses.
Sand Island: USA 722. WI018L
Raspberry Is: USA 688. WI019
Devils Is: USA 228. WI015
We will have base camp on York Island: WI017. Devils Island is iffy since we are kayaking and the distance is about 10 miles.
Dates: July 30 to August 5.
Time: ~1500 UTC to ~2100 utc.
Freq: 20 meters primarily. SSB only. I may do 40 meters in the evening using a larger loading coil on my vertical.

Send me clear skies, I am relying on a solar charger.
Dates and operating times will all depend on the weather affecting travel by kayak, and maintaining charged batteries with a solar collector.
I appreciate spotting and advise on frequencies that are open if qrm is bad on either end of a qso.
QSL direct only to KD0ETC with SASE, please.

Steve, KD0ETC

925. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Successful Activation Acadia National Park &/9/2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-12 14:20:01 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 919 Message: 925

No files to send anywhere ....Just include log basics in email to me to put in State or NP files.
18 months and I'm FREEEEEE !

Kyle N4NSS

From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 8:26 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Successful Activation Acadia National Park &/9/2011 K4KGG
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>Kyle -
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926. Operating from Skinner State Park in Central Mass tomorrow -- initial activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-18 19:17:12 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 926 Message: 926

Hi Folks,

Just a heads-up that I'll be operating tomorrow -- for as long as I and my batteries hold out -- from atop Mt Holyoke at Skinner State Park in central Massachusetts. I'll drop my wife off at the commuter-rail station about 6 a.m., then make the two-hour drive to the park. I may walk around a bit and take some picture before I set up. So I should be on the air by 14:00 UTC or a little thereafter.

This will be the park's initial activation. I will be operating CW only and will post my frequencies via smart-phone to QRPSPOTS (not to be confused with QRP Spotts).

I'm on vacation for two weeks, and hope to add at least one more park to the list before I return to work in August. Might try to toss in an extra park as well operating as BB007 during the Flight of the Bumble Bees at the end of the month.

With best regards,

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927. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Operating from Skinner State Park in Central Mass tomorrow -- initial activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-19 13:36:51 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 926 Message: 927

I may have to put the antenna on the truck and put the FT817 in there to work you tomorrow, I hate when work gets in the way of fun time..

Fred
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CIW649/VE3FAL
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On Mon, 18 Jul 2011 15:17:12 -0400
w1pns <w1pns@...> wrote:
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928. New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-19 18:35:27 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 2 Message: 928

I want to welcome some of our newest members to the group.
Please introduce yourself and tell us about you, your gear and parks near
you to activate.

Cheers

Fred
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929. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-19 23:09:22 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 2 Message: 929

On Tue, 2011-07-19 at 14:35 -0400, Fred VE3FAL wrote:
>
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> Cheers
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Just back from a scorching but fun time on Mt. Holyoke in Skinner State Park. I'll send along log info shortly to register the park, but a big thanks to Terry, W9UX, who was one of my contacts! Welcome, Terry. Nice to have WI among us!

With best regards,

Pete

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930. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-20 02:32:03 UTC
From: K5jyd
Topic: 2 Message: 930

New kid on the block. When at the park I run cw only with a OHR qrp rig for 20meters and 40 meters .The antenna is an end fed wire thrown up in the local trees . Its too hot for camping here in Texas , we have had some 18 days of 100 plus heat and looks the same for the foreseeable future. At age 73 the heat gets to me a little. Been a ham for 40 years, work nothing but cw. At home I run a yeasu ft 950 to an old R5 or a 55 ft end fed wire tuned by an old home brew tuner and all I do is chase dx. Waiting for the fall when its cooler.
k5jyd

931. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-20 02:54:20 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 2 Message: 931

On Tue, 2011-07-19 at 19:32 -0700, K5jyd wrote:
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> old R5 or a 55 ft end fed wire tuned by an old home brew tuner and all
> I do is chase dx. Waiting for the fall when its cooler.
> k5jyd
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Hi Wayne,

Welcome aboard! And I know what you mean about the heat. It was in the
90s during my sojourn to Skinner State Park today. And wouldn't you know
that the best place for my antenna and rig was at a picnic table in the
open. Oh well, that's why they invented sun block, wide-brimmed hats,
and brimming water bottles!

With best regards,

Pete

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932. Re: New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-20 04:40:49 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 2 Message: 932

Welcome Wayne,
Sounds like a quick and easy set up. Been in the high 90's here too and going to 100's this week. Up on Stoney Creek Mt even the little rattlers and wood lizards are hiding so I know it too hot for me during the day. Let us know when you go to the park and we'll make it a point to work you. Have a look at QRPSPOTS.com for some of us spotting operators/operations and if a heads up is given have a look at the Events Calendar for upcoming operations.
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl
For now I'm going to help my brother, he's setting out shade trees...and I'm setting under them.. ;-)

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., K5jyd <k5jyd@...> wrote:
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933. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-20 17:54:54 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 2 Message: 933

Finally a fellow Wisconsinite.....Terry I hope you spread the word....

Kyle N4NSS
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

From: w1pns <w1pns@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2011 7:09 PM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members
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934. A summary of my outing to A.J. Skinner State Park yesterday

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-20 19:20:04 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 934 Message: 934

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2011/07/20/qrpxpedition-to-a-gorgeous-mt-holyoke-park/

With best regards,

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935. Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 01:23:38 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 935 Message: 935

I'm laying our my activation agenda for next week, as I wrap up my final week of vacation. I'm hoping to hit at least three sites, including one for the FBB event a week from tomorrow.

Some of the potential POTA spots also could be SOTA positions, but picking one of those as a "double duty" site hinges somewhat on how we came down on state parks, versus state forests or reserves.

How did we come down on that? I have plenty of parks officially so designated. So that's not a problem. But where some of the locations where SOTA and POTA sites could overlap are in state forests or reserves...

Where are the lawyers when you need 'em?? ;-)

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936. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 03:31:20 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 935 Message: 936

If I remember right, a state park, forest, or reserve are the same thing.

As long as they’re run and/or owned by the state instead of the county, or city then you’re good.

charlie

937. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 03:40:54 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 935 Message: 937

On Sat, 2011-07-23 at 23:31 -0400, Charles Blackburn wrote:
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> thing.
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Thanks, Charlie. So many options so little time (this vacation)! ;-)

With best regards,

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938. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 13:01:23 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 935 Message: 938

Basically only State, National, and Canadian Providences. BUT for me...Log it and we will figure it out later.......

Must be nice....have fun...I'm jealous...

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939. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 13:13:33 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 935 Message: 939

Kyle I’m planning a trip to do a couple around this neck of the woods. Is the florida list up to date?

Was thinking of taking the kids and the bank manager to blue springs or something around there.

charlie

940. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 13:18:42 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 935 Message: 940

Yes, the Florida file is up to date..
.I have two weekends each month now to go places...Must camp soon..!

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From: Charles Blackburn <ai4ri@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 9:13 AM
>Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks
>
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>
>Kyle I’m planning a trip to do a couple around this neck of the woods. Is the florida list up to date?
>
>Was thinking of taking the kids and the bank manager to blue springs or something around there.
>
>charlie
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941. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 15:22:19 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 935 Message: 941

On Sun, 2011-07-24 at 06:01 -0700, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
>
> Basically only State, National, and Canadian Providences. BUT for
> me...Log it and we will figure it out later.......
>
> Must be nice....have fun...I'm jealous...
>

Oh, don't get to jealous. I have to go back to work a week from tomorrow. What's the best way to get logs to you? I just checked the overall activations list, and the latest two from MA, one from the end of last October, the other from last week, aren't up. The MA log file on the group has all the contacts. But I added those myself, and it now occurs to me that perhaps I shouldn't be doing that anymore.

Anyway, what's the best way? Send you an *.adi file, a text file? What works best for you?

With best regards,

Pete

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942. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 15:37:42 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 935 Message: 942

Pete,

I'm just a little behind on activation list. New 12hr work week started last week.
Log info should have:
who, what , where, when, contacts,freq, mode, RST, name and location of contacts.
Story of outing which I can make note on .xls file under comments.
Send as word doc

73,
Kyle N4NSS

From: w1pns <w1pns@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2011 11:22 AM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks
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943. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Quick question on parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 16:09:12 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 935 Message: 943

On Sun, 2011-07-24 at 08:37 -0700, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
>
> Pete,
>
> I'm just a little behind on activation list. New 12hr work week
> started last week.
> Log info should have:
> who, what , where, when, contacts,freq, mode, RST, name and location
> of contacts.
> Story of outing which I can make note on .xls file under comments.
> Send as word doc
>

OK, will do...

With best regards,

Pete

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944. To Announce Your Operations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 17:45:56 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 944 Message: 944

You might setup SMS to www.qrpspots.com <http://www.qrpspots.com/>
One more new feature at the K3UK Sked Page. He has implemented a SMS
Alert feature, you can receive a text message to your mobile phone
whenever a needed USA State, DXCC entity , or USA County logs on to the
sked page. You can specify which sked page your want the alert to be
associated with (SKCC, LoTW, QRP, FISTS, Digitalradio,
etc). To set-up your alerts, just click on EDIT at the bottom of your
screen and then ALERTS.
The Sked Page is at:
http://www.electroblog.com/sked/ <http://www.electroblog.com/sked/>
N4NSS Kyle

945. Re: [p_o_t_a_] To Announce Your Operations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-24 17:50:55 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 944 Message: 945

On Sun, 2011-07-24 at 17:45 +0000, Kyle N4NSS wrote:
>
> You might setup SMS to www.qrpspots.com
> One more new feature at the K3UK Sked Page. He has implemented a SMS
> Alert feature, you can receive a text message to your mobile phone
> whenever a needed USA State, DXCC entity , or USA County logs on to
> the sked page. You can specify which sked page your want the alert to
> be associated with (SKCC, LoTW, QRP, FISTS, Digitalradio,
> etc). To set-up your alerts, just click on EDIT at the bottom of your
> screen and then ALERTS.
> The Sked Page is at:
> http://www.electroblog.com/sked/
>
> N4NSS Kyle
>

Be aware that this is a back-up server. K3UK's main server got hacked
and his web-hosing company is trying to clean up the damage. One of us
can post here when the main is back up.

With best regards,

Pete

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946. Activating Blue Hills State Reservation today

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-25 11:24:29 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 946 Message: 946

Hi Folks,

This is the first of what I hope will be four activations this week,
including one doing double duty during Flight of the Bumble Bees next
Sunday:

Looking to be on the summit of Great Blue Hill by 16:00 UTC or earlier.
I will be operating CW, and will post to QRPRPOTS.com. If CQs go
unanswered, will head off to seach and pounce! ;-)

Temps expected to be very reasonable today, with partly cloudy skies. So
I plan to be up there for several hours...

With best regards,

Pete

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947. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-25 13:16:26 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 947

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MassachusettsStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Massachusetts State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MassachusettsStateParks%26ActivationInfo.x
ls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

948. And then there was this QRP trip to the heart of an ancient volcano

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-26 20:56:47 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 948 Message: 948

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2011/07/26/qrpxpedition-to-the-heart-of-an-ancient-volcano/

With best regards,

Pete

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949. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-27 02:01:11 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 949

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ActivatedParksbyState-Province-Countries.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Activated Parks by State-Province-Countries

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ActivatedParksbyState-Province-Countries.x
ls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

950. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-27 02:01:51 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 950

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MassachusettsStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Massachusetts State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MassachusettsStateParks%26ActivationInfo.x
ls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

951. Planned Activation Cape Breton Highlands National Park Fri 7-29 or Sat 7-30 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-27 19:11:44 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 951 Message: 951

Group -

I am near Ingonish on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia and plan to activate Cape Breton Highlands National Park for POTA and also for IOTA, NA-010. First choice day will be Friday, 7-29, weather permitting. Alternate day is Sat 7-30. I will work phone at or near 14.260MHz beginning about 1200 UCT. I will operate as K4KGG/VE1. Please stop in and say hi. I'll be operating portable from Broad Cove campground in the Park.

Larry, K4KGG

952. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Planned Activation Cape Breton Highlands National Park Fri 7-29 or Sat 7-30 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-27 19:43:47 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 951 Message: 952

Larry,
Good luck at the Cape Breton Highlands NP.
I will be listening for you from Apostle Islands National Lakeshore on Lake Superior.
What will your rig be and how long will you be there?

KD0ETC
Steve
Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 27, 2011, at 14:11, Larry Libsch <llibsch@...> wrote:

> Group -
>
> I am near Ingonish on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia and
> plan to activate Cape Breton Highlands National Park for POTA and also
> for IOTA, NA-010. First choice day will be Friday, 7-29, weather
> permitting. Alternate day is Sat 7-30. I will work phone at or near
> 14.260MHz beginning about 1200 UCT. I will operate as K4KGG/VE1. Please
> stop in and say hi. I'll be operating portable from Broad Cove
> campground in the Park.
>
> Larry, K4KGG
>

953. New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-28 00:14:15 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 2 Message: 953

I just want to welcome all of our newest members this week to the group.
Hope to work you from a nearby park soon...

Cheers

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

954. Halibut Point State Park, with a dragonfly pounding brass?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-28 02:54:08 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 954 Message: 954

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2011/07/27/qrpxpedition-with-a-dragonfly-for-an-op/

With best regards,

Pete

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955. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-28 12:35:08 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 955

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

956. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-28 12:35:52 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 956

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Massachusetts State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

957. New Member Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-30 16:32:36 UTC
From: maxxout2
Topic: 957 Message: 957

Thanks for the quick response and allowing me to become a member. I'm a 35+ year ham operator.
My station callsign is AF2Q, and I live in Lawrenceville,NJ Of all the years in being a ham, I've tried a lot of modes, equipment, etc.
but I still get the biggest thrill from operating QRP with CW, and in particular with a piece of gear that I built. I've built little transceivers for most of the bands from 40m to 15m, CW.
I am a bit disabled due to severe pain in my feet from neuropathy so stringing up radials becomes very painful for me so I usually use a mobile Hustler while stationary or just toss a 66 foot wire in the tree
Many thanks to several tornados that came through 6 years ago we lost over 800 trees so shade is hard to find.
Hope to work some of you on the air
73
BOB
AF2Q

958. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Member Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-30 19:00:36 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 957 Message: 958

Hi Bob,

Good to have you here with the group...
I need to make a New Jersey State Park file now so you can start hitting those parks.

Ok, It is done...

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
 PB #117, SKCC #3595, NAQCC #2019,
 FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567, ARPorable
 P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., CW-QRP-Homebrewers,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

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From: maxxout2 <OllySteed@...m>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2011 12:32 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New Member Intro
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>BOB
>AF2Q
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959. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-30 19:02:20 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 959

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NewJerseyStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : New Jersey State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NewJerseyStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

960. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Member Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-30 19:22:09 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 957 Message: 960

HI Kyle,
OK I see the link there:-)
I have the pfr3 all set and will work 40,30,and 20 meters very close to the calling frequencies.
Found a nice hidden away spot with big trees and lots of shade.
I will be on tomorrow as BEE # 6 and operating right next to an old cemetery Colored Troops *C*
Most of the battle grounds George Washington blew away:-) so no shade.
I do have the OK to operate in other historic areas called historic parks as long as I stay 3000 feet or more away from the buildings that were restored.
73 for now.
BOB
AF2Q

Hi Bob,

Good to have you here with the group...
I need to make a New Jersey State Park file now so you can start hitting those parks.

Ok, It is done...

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961. Successful Activation Cape Breton Highlands National Park Nova Scotia 7-30-2011 K4KGG/VE1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-30 23:43:31 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 961 Message: 961

Group -

On July 29, 2011 I activated Cape Breton Highlands National Park for POTA. As the Park is on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada, I activated Cape Breton Island for IOTA, NA-010, as well. The Park is much of the northern part of Cape Breton Island and is encircled by the famous Cabot Trail. Ocean views from pull-outs are spectacular. We saw whales in the Gulf of St Lawrence from one pull-out. Weather on activation day was gloriously sunny after several days of intermittent rain and dense fog. My portable antenna is an end-fed half wave vertical dipole hung from a 40 foot fiberglass pole. The high feedpoint impedance is matched with a wideband transformer designed by my Elmer, N2PK and built by me. It takes about a half hour to run up the fiberglass pole after attaching the wire workingelement, then attaching the matching unit and setting up the guy ropes. Sometimes when the wind is gusty the pole will "untelescope" or fall down as the segments fall into one another. As I have a rubber pad below the bottom segment, there is no damage. I often activate parks from the campgrounds as my antenna is attached to my camper and I set up my radio inside. I get lots of comments on the antenna from other campers. One camper joked that the antenna was so large I should be "able to talk to God with that." This is my 9th park activation. I was once questioned by a park volunteer who thought I was doing a scientific study without a permit, but became friendly when I explained what I was doing. In no park have I ever been asked to take down my antenna or stop transmitting. It's great fun activating parks. They are all wonderful places to visit.

Contact details as follows: All contacts USB, 20M, 100 watts, on July 29, 2011.using portable call K4KGG/VE1. Times are UCT.

K4KGG, Larry

11:45KD8KDMMikeOH 14260

11:51K4JHFJackNC14260

11:52VE3XNGarryON14260

11:54VE3ICKitchener Waterloo ARCON14260

11:57N2JFJeffNY14260

12:00KB9YDEFredIL14260

12:07KJ4ZIZRichardVA14260

12:21WB8ZRYBobMI14265

12:30W3MQRGaryMD14265

12:38K8RAYRay MI14265

13:00KC2ZDCJackNY14265

13:04N9ALTomIN14265

13:08K4LEWLewFL14265

13:11N4CGCMaxFL14265

13:18W4CDCWaltFL14265

962. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Cape Breton Highlands National Park Nova Scotia 7-30-2011 K4KGG/VE1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-31 00:35:28 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 961 Message: 962

On Sat, 2011-07-30 at 19:43 -0400, Larry Libsch wrote:
>
> Group -
>
> On July 29, 2011 I activated Cape Breton Highlands National Park for
> POTA.

Gawd, that's a beautiful place. Family and I did the Cabot Trail (clockwise) as a day trip from Baddeck several years ago. Portions of that trail remind me of Highway 1 along the California coast!

Did you check out the Alexander Graham Bell museum?

Nicely done, Larry.

With best regards,

Pete

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963. Hello and Introduction

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-31 03:30:24 UTC
From: GregCT
Topic: 963 Message: 963

Hello all, Thanks for allowing me to join, saw the group mentioned in a post by Peter in the new ARRL Forums that sparked an interest in this idea. I like VHF Contesting Rover style and usually end up operating those contests from an assortment of state parks throughout New England. I find it to be a lot of fun and always look forward to those contests for the opportunity to operate portable. This idea of POTA brings up a whole new reason and incentive to getting out and setting up a lot more often. For radios, I've got a back-pack set up with Gell Cell back up for an FT897 with internal batteries and an IC7000 in the car. The IC7k is remotely mounted in the trunk, as much as I'd like to try running it off the gells, its a bit of a job to dismount it. I have run an auxilliary power cord in the trunk for '897, though, so for those days I can set up right by the car, I can run full power off the car with the '897 or re-charge the batteries via that power. Still experimenting with antennas, but there's a 35ft sectional Military surplus mast in the trunk that is also part of a full all band discone I picked up a few years ago that I use with a Chameleon V1 (all band Trap Mobile Vertical whip), M2 2m & 6m Halo's, a 2m Moxon homebrew, 6m HamStick Dipole and whatever else I've got with me to try out. The two parks I'm likely to 'activate' the most are the Bluff Point State Park in Groton, and the Patchouge State Forest in Voluntown, as they are the closest and easiest for me to set up in, but the Connecticut File has a lot of good spots listed to check out.
73 for now, and hope to hear some of you soon....
GregN1KPW

964. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hello and Introduction

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-31 03:37:33 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 963 Message: 964

On Sun, 2011-07-31 at 03:30 +0000, GregCT wrote:
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> Hello all,
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> Thanks for allowing me to join, saw the group mentioned in a post by
> Peter in the new ARRL Forums that sparked an interest in this idea. I
> like VHF Contesting Rover style and usually end up operating those
> contests from an assortment of state parks throughout New England. I
> find it to be a lot of fun and always look forward to those contests
> for the opportunity to operate portable. This idea of POTA brings up a
> whole new reason and incentive to getting out and setting up a lot
> more often.

Welcome a board, Greg. I think I caught sight of CT from Mt. Greylock
this afternoon!

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

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-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

965. Re: New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-31 15:59:58 UTC
From: sullco
Topic: 5 Message: 965

Mack

Thanks for posting the New Jersey file. I'll be traveling to N.J. in September and will be activating Island Beach State Park both on HF and FM Sats. Details will be posted as we get closer to the date.

73
Marc, W4MPS

966. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-07-31 23:49:15 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 966

Be sure to post you pre date of activation.....all of us will be looking foreward to your activations.

73,
Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
PB #117, SKCC #3595, NAQCC #2019,
FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567, ARPorable
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., CW-QRP-Homebrewers,
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

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From: sullco <w4mps@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2011 11:59 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
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>Thanks for posting the New Jersey file. I'll be traveling to N.J. in September and will be activating Island Beach State Park both on HF and FM Sats. Details will be posted as we get closer to the date.
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>Marc, W4MPS
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967. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 00:01:14 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 967

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /CanadaProvinces&territories /NationalParksofCanada&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : National Parks of Canada & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/NationalP
arksofCanada%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

968. Re: [p_o_t_a_] NPCA001 - Successful Activation Cape Breton Highlands National Park Nova Scotia 7-30-2011 K4KGG/VE1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 00:02:14 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 961 Message: 968

Looks like Larry activated the FIRST National park of the Canadian National Park file.
http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/ns/cbreton/index.aspx   NPCA001

http://f1.grp.yahoofs.com/v1/gOw1ThFNfRkJJ9UKe117vhJNGYtmHwcEwf9bUbHtKf2KfBfsrLrzC2HI_C87dVyrk0jO7HVE0AoR3JCoNJI8UDRgikE/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/NationalParksofCanada%26ActivationInfo.xls
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Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
 PB #117, SKCC #3595, NAQCC #2019,
 FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567, ARPorable
 P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., CW-QRP-Homebrewers,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

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From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@bellsouth.net>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2011 7:43 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Cape Breton Highlands National Park Nova Scotia 7-30-2011 K4KGG/VE1
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>Group -
>On July 29, 2011 I activated Cape Breton Highlands National Park for POTA. As the Park is on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada, I activated Cape Breton Island for IOTA, NA-010, as well. The Park is much of the northern part of Cape Breton Island and is encircled by the famous Cabot Trail. Ocean views from pull-outs are spectacular. We saw whales in the Gulf of St Lawrence from one pull-out. Weather on activation day was gloriously sunny after several days of intermittent rain and dense fog. My portable antenna is an end-fed half wave vertical dipole hung from a 40 foot fiberglass pole. The high feedpoint impedance is matched with a wideband transformer designed by my Elmer, N2PK and built by me. It takes about a half hour to run up the fiberglass pole after attaching the wire working element, then attaching the matching unit and setting up the guy ropes. Sometimes when the wind is gusty the pole will “untelescope” or fall down as the segments fall into one another. As I have a rubber pad below the bottom segment, there is no damage. I often activate parks from the campgrounds as my antenna is attached to my camper and I set up my radio inside. I get lots of comments on the antenna from other campers. One camper joked that the antenna was so large I should be “able to talk to God with that.” This is my 9th park activation. I was once questioned by a park volunteer who thought I was doing a scientific study without a permit, but became friendly when I explained what I was doing. In no park have I ever been asked to take down my antenna or

stop transmitting. It’s great fun activating parks. They are all wonderful places to visit.
>
>Contact details as follows: All contacts USB, 20M, 100 watts, on July 29, 2011.using portable call K4KGG/VE1. Times are UCT.
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                      K4KGG,   Larry
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>11:45   KD8KDM   Mike   OH   14260
>11:51   K4JHF   Jack   NC   14260
>11:52   VE3XN   Garry   ON   14260
>11:54   VE3IC   Kitchener Waterloo ARC   ON   14260
>11:57   N2JF   Jeff   NY   14260
>12:00   KB9YDE   Fred   IL   14260
>12:07   KJ4ZIZ   Richard   VA   14260
>12:21   WB8ZRY   Bob   MI   14265
>12:30   W3MQR   Gary   MD   14265
>12:38   K8RAY   Ray   MI   14265
>13:00   KC2ZDC   Jack   NY   14265
>13:04   N9AL   Tom   IN   14265
>13:08   K4LEW   Lew   FL   14265
>13:11   N4CGC   Max   FL   14265
>13:18   W4CDC   Walt   FL   14265
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969. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 00:17:23 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 5 Message: 969

Many of us are on dial up and also do not have word,doc,XLS and other
things used in an office
Why can't it just be pdf?
Adding all this just slows down dial up users more.
Can't see hanging around when I can't read the files
GL
BOB
AF2Q

In a message dated 7/31/2011 9:01:16 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time,
p_o_t_a_@... writes:

You can access this file at the URL:
_http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territori
es%20/NationalParksofCanada%26ActivationInfo.xls_
(http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces&territories%20/NationalPa
rksofCanada&
ActivationInfo.xls)

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files
(http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files)

Regards,

n4nss <_n4nss@..._ (mailto:n4nss@...) >

970. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 01:35:44 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 970

I guess I can offer pdf files but not sure if I can do all the things that I have been doing with word.doc.

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From: "OllySteed@..." <OllySteed@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2011 8:17 PM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
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> Many of us are on dial up and also do not have word,doc,XLS and other
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lParksofCanada%26ActivationInfo.xls
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>>To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
>>http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files
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>>Regards,
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>>n4nss
<n4nss@...>
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971. RE: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 01:43:01 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 5 Message: 971

There’s nothing stopping you doing all the edits in the xls and then just exporting the pdf

charlie

972. RE: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 01:51:41 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 5 Message: 972

On Sun, 2011-07-31 at 21:43 -0400, Charles Blackburn wrote:
>
> There’s nothing stopping you doing all the edits in the xls and then
> just exporting the pdf
>

Although Bob checked out of the group. Just out of curiosity, wouldn't the pdf file actually be larger than the original Excel file? Just curious. And if anyone can't afford MSOffice, OPenOffice.org has a spiffy, free substitute that can read and write to MS formats. I've been using it professionally for years.

With best regards,

Pete

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973. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 01:59:47 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 973

I just converted a couple of .xls files to .pdf format and it is readable but not quite as good as .xls

OPenOffice.org is good to know about.

Kyle N4NSS

From: w1pns <w1pns@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, July 31, 2011 9:51 PM
>Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
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>With best regards,
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>Pete
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>Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
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974. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 15:38:48 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 974

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MassachusettsStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Massachusetts State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MassachusettsStateParks%26ActivationInfo.x
ls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

975. Ohio State Parks On The Air... (and Indiana)...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-01 15:43:59 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 975 Message: 975

Howdy gang...

OSPOTA (Ohio State Parks On The Air)...
Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 1600 UTC to 2400 UTC.

Rulez:
http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/ospota-rules-2011.pdf

Planed Operationz: http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/?page_id=302

WAOSPA (Worked All Ohio State Parks Award)
http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/?p=173

InPOTA (Indiana State Parks On The Air)... http://inpota.com/
"This contest will operate in tandem with Ohio State Parks on the Air."

Rulez: http://inpota.com/Official%20Contest%20Rules%202011.pdf

Planed Operationz: http://inpota.com/spotted.php

Keep in mind gang that this is the SAME weekend as the ARRL Sept VHF
Contest...

I'll probably be at Geneva State Park for OSPOTA, then move to the Caboose
for the rest of the ARRL Sept VHF... Find me on 52.525FM, then we'll
hafta move to 52.500 AM/SSB to satisfy the OSPOTA Rules... OSPOTA has
taken FM away from the Contest for lame reasons, but AM is allowed, go
figure...

I'll make my Geneva/Caboose operation official soon...

PeAcE...

Andy N8OFS "...BUT WE GOT A CABOOSE!!!" Sargent GOT6???
Locked and parked on 52.525FM until further notice...
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q

976. Final POTA activation during an active vacation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 02:40:48 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 976 Message: 976

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2011/08/01/qrpxpedition-with-a-digital-nag-turn-left-left-left/

With best regards,

Pete

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977. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 14:06:07 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 977

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /PennsylvaniaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Pennsylvania State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/PennsylvaniaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xl
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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

978. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 14:54:45 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 978

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /VirginiaStateParksParksActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Virginia State Parks Parks Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/VirginiaStateParksParksActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

979. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 14:56:10 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 979

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /WestVirginiaStateParksParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : West Virginia State Parks Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/WestVirginiaStateParksParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

980. New State Files VA and W.VA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 15:02:03 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 980 Message: 980

Ignore the two previous postings. Had to rename 'em.

Just go to the group files and check 'em out.

N4NSS kyle

981. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 15:26:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 981

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /TexasStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Texas State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/TexasStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

982. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 17:29:33 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 982

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /RhodeIslandStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Rhode Island State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/RhodeIslandStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

983. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 18:10:24 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 983

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /DelawareStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Delaware State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/DelawareStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

984. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-02 18:53:42 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 984

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /KentuckyStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Kentucky State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/KentuckyStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

985. [Fwd: [QRP-L] (no subject)]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-03 22:58:58 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 985 Message: 985

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-------- Forwarded Message --------
> From: Edward R Breneiser <breneiser@...>
> To: ARLHS <arlhs@...>, GORC <gorc@yahoogroups.com>,
> hfpack@yahoogroups.com, IC703@yahoogroups.com, qrp-l@...,
> qrp-l@..., '070Club' <070@yahoogroups.com>
> Subject: [QRP-L] (no subject)
> Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 18:31:57 -0400
>
> Hello all,
>
> Listen and look for WA3WSJ and NU3E operating from Cape Henlopen S.P. in
> Delaware. I plan to operate as WA3WSJ/pm and active the Overfalls Lightship,
> Delaware Inner Breakwater Lighthouse and Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse. While
> in camp, I will go APE on PSK31. On the beach I'll operate my KX1 on 20m,
> 30m and 40m CW around the QRP watering holes. I'll be walking around the
> beach as WA3WSJ/pm. Oh yes, I also plan to operate some SSB to active the
> lights!! 14.280, 7.280mhz
>
> If you work WA3WSJ or WA3WSJ/pm, send me an SASE #10 envelope and you'll
> receive a custom QSL card that looks cool! We will be there Thursday
> afternoon until Monday morning. So listen on cw and look for WA3WSJ on your
> waterfall!
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> 73,
> Ed, WA3WSJ
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> =======
> Email scanned by PC Tools - No viruses or spyware found.
> (Email Guard: 7.0.0.26, Virus/Spyware Database: 6.18050)
> http://www.pctools.com/
> =======
> ------------------------------------------------------------
> QRP-L mailing list
> Home: http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/qrp-l
> Help: http://mailman.qth.net/mmfaq.htm
> Post: mailto:QRP-L@...
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> This list hosted by: http://www.qsl.net
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"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

986. Planned Activation Prince Edward Island NP Sun Aug 7, 2011 K4KGG/VY2

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-05 13:24:53 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 986 Message: 986

Group -

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Larry, K4KGG

987. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Planned Activation Prince Edward Island NP Sun Aug 7, 2011 K4KGG/VY2

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-05 13:38:07 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 986 Message: 987

Sounds like a great location, Larry. If you're operating QRP, post this to the QRP-L reflector as well (or I can, if that will help). And if you're within cell range there, be sure to spot yourself on QRPSPOTS.com!

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Larry Libsch" <llibsch@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>, "Larry Libsch" <llibsch@...>
Sent: Friday, August 5, 2011 9:24:53 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Planned Activation Prince Edward Island NP Sun Aug 7, 2011 K4KGG/VY2

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988. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Planned Activation Prince Edward Island NP Sun Aug 7, 2011 K4KGG/VY2

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-05 15:08:41 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 986 Message: 988

Sounds great Larry, I will be at Kakabeka Provincial Park August 19,20 and 21st for the entire weekend with the kids before they head back to school for another year and to take part in the Annual Kakabeka Street Fair..

I will have PSK as well for the weekend and hope to work a bunch of you folks and activate yet another North Western Ontario Park.

Cheers

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989. NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the August POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-05 17:18:59 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 923 Message: 989

This email message is a notification that NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the August Events Calendar located here: http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl

☐ ALL TIMES/DATES=UTC

NEW EVENTS:
Sunday, August 7

☐ POTA Prince Edward Island

Monday, August 8
☐ POTA Prince Edward Island

Saturday, August 13
☐ Worked All Europe DX Contest (CW)
☐ Maryland/DC QSO Party (SSB/CW)
Sunday, August 14
☐ ALL TIMES/DATES=UTC
☐ Worked All Europe DX Contest (CW)
☐ Maryland/DC QSO Party (SSB/CW)
Monday, August 15
☐ 1:00 -3:00 : RUN FOR THE BACON (CW)
Saturday, August 20
☐ North American QSO Party [SSB test]
☐ NJ QSO Party [CW&SSB]

Sunday, August 21
☐ ALL TIMES/DATES=UTC
☐ North American QSO Party [SSB test]
☐ NJ QSO Party [CW&SSB]

Saturday, August 27
☐ Hawaii QSO Party
☐ Kansas QSO Party
☐ Ohio QSO Party
Sunday, August 28
☐ ALL TIMES/DATES=UTC
☐ Hawaii QSO Party
☐ Kansas QSO Party
☐ Ohio QSO Party

>> ON THE CALENDAR,CLICK ON THE DESIRED EVENT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS <<

Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and POTA members

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR PARK ACTIVATION YOU WANT LISTED
PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO kb4qqj[at]gmail[dot]com

990. More EVENTS added to the POTA Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-05 17:26:43 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 990 Message: 990

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991. Re: [p_o_t_a_] More EVENTS added to the POTA Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-05 18:33:25 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 990 Message: 991

Thanks Randy.....

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992. Activation of the Alki Point Lighthouse from a City of Seattle Park - Saturday August 6 14.260 West Seattle ARC - W7AW

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-06 03:27:09 UTC
From: cb
Topic: 992 Message: 992
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hey Folks,

Please look for the West Seattle ARC, W7AW, as we activate the ALKI Point Lighthouse for National Lighthouse Day. We will be doing it again for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Week on August 20-21

We will be working from the City of Seattle Park adjacent to the lighthouse. We are not actually on the lighthouse property this year due to complications interacting with the Coast Guard last year (not the auxiliary - they were fantastic for the months we were setting things up) - this site is stunningly complicated by having an Admiral for the CG living on site -so we can talk later, but we will be south of the lighthouse on Beach Drive in one of the many City of Seattle Parks on down the beach - likely Constellation Park.

I expect to move to 14.260 plus or minus QRM for the Lighthouse activation after about10:00am local PDT. We'll also do some digital around 14.070 +1100Hz PSK-31 or other more exotic modes upon request just a bit up the band.

There is also always my cell phone at 206 755-4541. Just in case you are driving by, we should be easy to find with the 10-foot by 10-foot white pop up shelter with the big West Seattle Amateur Radio Club banner and some antennas bristling out of the vicinity. My father's Oldsmobile, a Delta 88 with the gynormous screwdriver HF antenna on the back, is also a good landmark. I'm bringing the BuddiPole antenna set that has been working well for me in my wilderness stuff, a battery and/or small quiet generator for power.

Looks like a lovely August day in Seattle - expected temperatures will top out in the 60's at sea level. All we need is a group of folks who would like to spend some quality time chasing this lovely park and/or club and/or lighthouse. Looking for all Parks on the Air (POTA) chasers!

We could also use some folks to spot us on the various internet lists for the lighthouse and park and maybe QRP groups.

Call with any questions or comments and hope to see you out there!

vy 73 de WR5J
Curt Black - President
West Seattle ARC

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993. Five - Delaware State Parks is half price now through Sept 1

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-06 12:52:00 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 993 Message: 993

Weekday camping at five Delaware State Parks is half price now through Sept 1. The parks: Cape Henlopen, Delaware Seashore, Killens Pond, Lums Pond or Trap Pond. Make reservations at 877-987-2757 and use the promotion code 1150SummerCamp

Kyle N4NSS

994. Connecticut Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-07 12:22:22 UTC
From: GregCT
Topic: 994 Message: 994

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995. Successful Activation Prince Edward Island National Park Aug 7 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-08 14:36:36 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 995 Message: 995

Group -

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12:10VA3UI5959DaveMartintown, ON

12:14K3HSK5959DaveRome, PA

12:19VE3XN5757GarryListowel, ON

12:20K4MQ5757WayneAugusta, GA

12:23N2USM5758DonAlbany, NY

12:25W4YFJ5858BobEssex Junction, NY

12:27KB3SOM5857TerryLenhartsville, PA

12:29K1GSU5959AllanGilford, NH

12:32KB2RLH5758JimDelhi, NY

12:36WX4B5959Pensacola, FL

12:37N2RWC5959RonBinghamton, NY

12:39K3OIL5858HowardRoanoke Is, NC

12:44VE2BBC5859SergeQuebec City, Quebec

12:47N2PPI5859MikeLong Island, NY

12:49WB9MEP5859BillSaugerties, NY

12:53W1JJC5859JoeMarston Mills, NY

12:55KD1RV5959LarryChickopee Falls, NY

12:58VE1BB5456MurrayHalifax, NS

12:59KT1S5959MikeHaverhill, MA

13:01KB1OUV5959DaveStow, MA

13:04N8XQM5958DougWooster, OH

13:09WB8FSV5959JackColumbus, OH

13:11VA2HY5858HyMontreal, QC

13:13W2OSR5957BobGlen Cove, NY

13:15W2KFV5758JimLong Island, NY

13:18KB1MT5655VinceEast Haven, CT

13:23KB1NU5656JohnRowley, MA

996. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Prince Edward Island National Park Aug 7 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-08 15:10:59 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 995 Message: 996

Nice going, Larry! It's fun to be at the center of a pile-up every once in a while, rather than just trying to bust through them!

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Larry Libsch" <llibsch@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2011 10:36:36 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Prince Edward Island National Park Aug 7 2011 K4KGG

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12:44 VE2BBC 58 59 Serge Quebec City, Quebec

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13:18 KB1MT 56 55 Vince East Haven, CT

13:23 KB1NU 56 56 John Rowley, MA

997. Re: Connecticut Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-09 00:21:50 UTC
From: GregCT
Topic: 994 Message: 997

Well, didn't turn out as well as I had hoped, but at least some contacts were made. I ended up at the Mt. Tom state park in Litchfield, CT for about an hour or so. 3 Contacts in the log. One on 40m that was the answer to "CQ Parks On the Air", and the other two chasing other CQs.. one a lighthouse and one a special event for Twins Day in Ohio... Next weekend should be able to hit one of the local parks for a longer activation. I'll hit Mt. Tom again on the next trip up to see the kids. It was a good scouting trip, though.. couple of nice spots to set up Picnic Table Portable off the beaten track and away from the beach goers.
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998. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Connecticut Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-09 01:59:52 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 994 Message: 998

Keep up the good work...you'll get 'em.

Kyle N4NSS

From: GregCT <n1kpw@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Monday, August 8, 2011 8:21 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Connecticut Activation
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-09 02:15:20 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 995 Message: 999

Great Larry,
I'll get rite on the file Tuesday.
Sure 'em jealous. Share you pictures.....

Kyle N4NSS Licensed 1966 GORC #126,
PB #117, SKCC #3595, NAQCC #2019,
FPQRP #1766, WARC-CC #567, ARPorable
P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A., CW-QRP-Homebrewers,
Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

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>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Monday, August 8, 2011 10:36 AM
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>12:39 K3OIL 58 58 Howard Roanoke Is, NC
>12:44 VE2BBC 58 59 Serge Quebec City, Quebec
>12:47 N2PPI 58 59 Mike Long Island, NY
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>12:55 KD1RV 59 59 Larry Chickopee Falls, NY
>12:58 VE1BB 54 56 Murray Halifax, NS
>12:59 KT1S 59 59 Mike Haverhill, MA
>13:01 KB1OUV 59 59 Dave Stow, MA
>13:04 N8XQM 59 58 Doug Wooster, OH
>13:09 WB8FSV 59 59 Jack Columbus, OH
>13:11 VA2HY 58 58 Hy Montreal, QC
>13:13 W2OSR 59 57 Bob Glen Cove, NY
>13:15 W2KFV 57 58 Jim Long Island, NY
>13:18 KB1MT 56 55 Vince East Haven, CT
>13:23 KB1NU 56 56 John Rowley, MA
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1000. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-09 13:58:38 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1000

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /CanadaProvinces&territories /NationalParksofCanada&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : National Parks of Canada & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/NationalP
arksofCanada%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1001. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-09 14:00:08 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1001

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /CanadaProvinces&territories /PrinceEdwardIslandNationalPark.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Prince Edward Island National Park

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/PrinceEdwardIslandNationalPark.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1002. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Prince Edward Island National Park Aug 7 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-09 14:03:13 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 995 Message: 1002

Larry,

I also I say nice going....but why did you stop? Too much like Field Day? What a pileup!

Kyle N4NSS ,
 P.O.T.A., C.P.O.T.A.
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

From: "w1pns@..." <w1pns@comcast.net>
>To: p o t a <p_o_t_a_@...>
>Sent: Monday, August 8, 2011 11:10 AM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Prince Edward Island National Park Aug 7 2011 K4KGG
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>
>Nice going, Larry! It's fun to be at the center of a pile-up every once in a while, rather than just trying to bust through them!
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>
>With best regards,
>
>
>Pete
>W1PNS
>
>From: "Larry Libsch" <llibsch@...>
>To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
>Sent: Monday, August 8, 2011 10:36:36 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Prince Edward Island National Park Aug 7 2011 K4KGG
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>
>Group -
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>
>On Sunday, Aug 7, 2011, I successfully activated Prince Edward Island National Park. I also activated the Park for IOTA, NA-029. I operated my Elecraft K3 barefoot into a vertical dipole hung from a 40 foot fiberglass pole mounted on the back of my camper. I worked portable as K4KGG/VY2 from Cavendish campground in the Cavendish Section of PEI National Park. The campground is adjacent to the sandy beach that looks out at Northumberland Strait. When I assembled the antenna and turned on the radio, the band was

nearly silent. But when I called CQ, I started a pileup that lasted an hour and a half. Great fun. Then the band dropped out and it was over, but what a ride.
> All
contacts USB on 14.260 MHz. August 7, 2011. All times UTC. Portable call K4KGG/VY2.
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> K4KGG, Larry
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>11:51 WE1X 58 59 Harry Yardley, PA
>11:56 K1VI 57 58 Mike Hartford, CT
>11:59 NZ2E 57 57 Les Mayville, NY
>12:02 VE3WBJ 58 59 Bill Barry, ON
>12:05 WK2E 59 59 Steve Bridgewater, NJ
>12:10 VA3UI 59 59 Dave Martintown, ON
>12:14 K3HSK 59 59 Dave Rome, PA
>12:19 VE3XN 57 57 Garry Listowel, ON
>12:20 K4MQ 57 57 Wayne Augusta, GA
>12:23 N2USM 57 58 Don Albany, NY
>12:25 W4YFJ 58 58 Bob Essex Junction, NY
>12:27 KB3SOM 58 57 Terry Lenhartsville, PA
>12:29 K1GSU 59 59 Allan Gilford, NH
>12:32 KB2RLH 57 58 Jim Delhi, NY
>12:36 WX4B 59 59 Pensacola, FL
>12:37 N2RWC 59 59 Ron Binghamton, NY
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>13:01 KB1OUV 59 59 Dave Stow, MA
>13:04 N8XQM 59 58 Doug Wooster, OH
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>13:23 KB1NU 56 56 John Rowley, MA
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1003. Re: Successful Activation Prince Edward Island National Park Aug 7 2

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-11 00:57:40 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1003 Message: 1003

Kyle -

I stopped because the band dropped out. The band was quite strange Sat and Sun. Perhaps something to do with the solar flair. I went from nothing heard to a pileup that lasted about 90 minutes to no one answering my CQ about 10 minutes after my last QSO. I did enjoy the pileup.
Also, I have activated 4 National Parks this summer. I estimate about 75 Qs all together. I have uploaded all to LOTW, which is my preferred mode of QSLing because it is quicker, cheaper and easier than paper cards. However, for POTA activations I send paper QSL cards as well. I print them with one of my wife's photos and include a hand written note that gives the POTA # for the activated park and IOTA # for islands as well as portable location info. I want all my contacts to have proof of contact so they can claim awards when they become available. This process takes lots of time and is expensive. The more contacts I make, the more this is true, so there is some disincentive to make lots of Qs.

Larry

1004. New POTA website

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-11 12:10:40 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1004 Message: 1004

Hi Folks,

We now have a home -- still under construction -- on the web at www.hamparks.org. A basic page is up. Over time, we'll be migrating the lists of parks to the new site as tables, so those who may not have spreadsheet software will be able to see which parks have been activated and which haven't (guess the larger category!). Continue to file your activation logs to Kyle, N4NSS, at n4nss@.... The website will be updated based on information that we will still archive in the files section of the Yahoo group. Logs and gory details of activations will still be kept there.

One thing you will note: City and county parks are now included. So if you have operated from a city or county park since Sept. 15, 2010, when the group first took its baby steps, and you recorded at least five contacts, by all means submit those to Kyle.

Finally, if you are heading into the field for IOTA or SOTA activations, future Flight of the Bumble Bee events, or even on Field Day, and your site falls inside a park that has not yet been activate and so has no designator number, slide at least five contacts from your log over to us as well so we can register the park.

Keep those activations coming in, folks. We love hearing from you!

With best regards,

Pete
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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

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-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1006. NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the Aug/Sep Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-11 17:15:29 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1006 Message: 1006

This email message is a notification that NEW EVENTS have been
uploaded to the August/September Events Calendar located here:

http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?calendar=default&month=9

Of particular interest to the POTA group is Saturday September 10th

☐ ALL TIMES/DATES=UTC

Thursday, September 1
☐ DxPedition P29CW

Saturday, September 3
☐ SHELBY NC HAMFEST
☐ Colorado QSO Party
☐ RSGB Field Day (SSB)
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint (CW)

Sunday, September 4
☐ Tennessee QSO Party

Monday, September 5
☐ Michigan QRP Labor Day Sprint (CW/QRP)

Tuesday, September 6
Adventure Radio Spartan Sprint (CW / QRP)

Saturday, September 10
☐ Ohio State Parks on the Air
☐ 16:00 -23:59 : Indiana State Parks on the Air
☐ 16:00 -23:59 : Ohio State Parks On The Air

Sunday, September 11
☐SKCC WES

>> ON THE CALENDAR,CLICK ON THE DESIRED EVENT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS <<

Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and POTA members

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR PARK ACTIVATION YOU WANT LISTED
PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO kb4qqj[at]gmail[dot]com

1007. Connecticut Link Posted

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-11 22:53:59 UTC
From: GregCT
Topic: 1007 Message: 1007

Hi all,
I've been trying to spread the word on the group as well as the idea by talking it up on the local repeaters and posting in local club groups. Just in case any of the curious stop by, I did a Google Map of the State Parks in CT and posted a link in the links section. I was surprised to see so many dots...lol.. I'll see what I can do to expand it to the national level with the ability to zoom in on your state of preference..

Hoping to activate another park this weekend, batteries are charging...

73
Greg
N1KPW

1008. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut Link Posted

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-11 23:36:03 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1007 Message: 1008

I will be creating a Connecticut State Parks & Activation Info file soon.

Kyle N4NSS

From: GregCT <n1kpw@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
>Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2011 6:53 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Connecticut Link Posted
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>Hi all,
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>Hoping to activate another park this weekend, batteries are charging...
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>73
>Greg
>N1KPW
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1009. New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-12 04:20:36 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 2 Message: 1009

Hello to Andy and Chuck and we hope you enjoy the group.
September 15th will be a year since the group got underway and we have seen a huge amount of activations and activity.
Next weekend August 19,20 and 21st I will be at Kakabeka Provincial Park and will have HF with me to activate the park, I will be using CW and PSK using either an FT-817 or a IC-703.

I hope everyone has had a great summer so far. Lots of forest fires here in Northwestern Ontario and very little rain this summer to help with the 112 plus fires and lightning daily starting more in the North.

Have a great weekend one and all..

Cheers

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
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http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

1010. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-12 12:07:48 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1010

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ConnecticutStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Connecticut State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ConnecticutStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1011. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-12 12:15:39 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1011

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /City-CountyParksActivationInfo/Florida-City-CountyParks.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Florida City-County Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/City-CountyParksActivationInfo/Florida-City-CountyParks.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1012. City-County Parks Activation Info

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-12 12:37:12 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1012 Message: 1012

City-County Parks Activation Info
Greetings to ALL,

Since city and county parks can now be counted for activation the method of giving ID's to a new park will be considerable.

I will use the same method as I do with the Florida file.
Each State will have its own file broken down to County-City.

Some counties may not include the city because the city encompasses the whole county.

Anyway, we have a bunch more places to play radio from.

73,
Kyle N4NSS

1013. State and City-County Files

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-12 12:44:17 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1013 Message: 1013

Greeting to ALL,

If you plan on going to a new State or City-County park which does not have a file or listing let me know and I will create the appropriate file ASAP.

Kyle N4NSS@... <mailto:N4NSS@...>

1014. Re: New POTA website

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-12 15:30:23 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1004 Message: 1014

Pete -

Great look to the new POTA website. Great start. It's wonderful to have a website to direct other hams to when you make contacts for activations. This will surely help POTA thrive and grow. Nicely done.

Larry, K4KGG

1015. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New POTA website

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-12 16:21:09 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 1004 Message: 1015

Thanks for those kind words, Larry. Now to, huff, puff, keep it, huff puff, going, huff puff! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Larry Libsch" <llibsch@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 11:30:23 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New POTA website

Pete -

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Larry, K4KGG

1016. Hi all, a request from the web guy

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-13 02:10:09 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1016 Message: 1016

Howdy all,

If you plan an activation, new or a repeat, and are posting an announcement to this group, please begin the subject line with POTA Activation: blah blah blah (that's your info).

That way I can set up an email filter to cull these from the bazillions of other ham-related emails I get and store them in one folder for adding to the Upcoming Activations column on the home page. I have a day job, so if you can give me more than a couple hour's notice on an activation, that would be great! ;-)

And if you send something and don't see it up the next day, send me a prod (gentle).

Eventually we should be able to automate activation postings to the site, but for now...

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS
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1017. POTA Activation : CT Hopeville Pond SP

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-14 12:15:58 UTC
From: GregCT
Topic: 1017 Message: 1017

Morning all,
Getting ready to head out to accomplish the 'Honey do' list for the weekend. Going to work in some time at this near-by CT State Park. Another rainy Sunday in SE CT, so the '897 will be staying dry in the house and it'll be a parking lot op from the mobile. If I have a cell signal there, I'll self-spot when I get there, and/or re-post that I'm on the air here. Will cycle through the bands calling on 7.280, 14.280, etc +/- qrm. MD/DC QSO party this weekend, so there should be a fair amount of contacts to be had on 40 this morning...

73
Greg
N1KPW

1018. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New POTA website

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-15 00:22:27 UTC
From: KA4RUR@cs.com
Topic: 1004 Message: 1018

What is the URL for the POTA website?

73/Fred/KA4RUR

SKCC 212 / FISTS 12095 / NAQCC 1480 / ARCI 13628 /HFpack
FP 2133 / GORC 97 / 10x10 74421 / OMISS 5801 / ARES / SATERN

-----Original Message-----
From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@...>
To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Fri, Aug 12, 2011 10:48 am
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New POTA website

Pete -

Great look to the new POTA website. Great start. It's wonderful to
have a website to direct other hams to when you make contacts for
activations. This will surely help POTA thrive and grow. Nicely done.

Larry, K4KGG

1019. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New POTA website

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-15 00:24:36 UTC
From: KA4RUR@cs.com
Topic: 1004 Message: 1019

What is the URL for the POTA website?

73/Fred/KA4RUR

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FP 2133 / GORC 97 / 10x10 74421 / OMISS 5801 / ARES / SATERN

-----Original Message-----
From: Larry Libsch <llibsch@...>
To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Fri, Aug 12, 2011 10:48 am
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New POTA website

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have a website to direct other hams to when you make contacts for
activations. This will surely help POTA thrive and grow. Nicely done.

Larry, K4KGG

1020. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: New POTA website

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-15 00:38:35 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1004 Message: 1020

On Sun, 2011-08-14 at 20:24 -0400, KA4RUR@... wrote:
>
> What is the URL for the POTA website?
>
www.hamparks.org

With best regards,

Pete

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http://www.w1pns.net
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QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

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1021. Fwd: [PolarBearQRP_Ops] INDIANA PARKS on the AIR

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-15 16:43:53 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1021 Message: 1021

Here is a crosspost from another group..

Fred
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http://www.youkits.com
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INDIANA PARKS on the AIR

The Indiana Parks on the Air (INPOTA) announces the 1st. Annual "Indiana Parks on the Air: contest to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. (EDT) (1600 UTC to 2400 UTC).

For amateurs throughout the State of Indiana, this is your opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the 24 beautiful State Parks here in Indiana. Don't just make a day of it, spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts, you will find the parks are one of Indiana's greatest assets. Find out more about the parks at:

http://www/in.gov/dnr/parklake/2392.htm

Contacts can be made with CW, SSB, AM or digital on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters. (Digital includes PSK-31, RTTY, etc.) Visit their website at http://inpota.com/ for more information.

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

Yahoo! Groups Links

1022. (no subject)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-15 19:58:08 UTC
From: KA4RUR@cs.com
Topic: 1022 Message: 1022

Tnx's for the info .....

73/Fred/KA4RUR

SKCC 212 / FISTS 12095 / NAQCC 1480 / ARCI 13628 /HFpack
FP 2133 / GORC 97 / 10x10 74421 / OMISS 5801 / ARES / SATERN

1023. Classic Exchange September Contest Rules...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-16 20:13:31 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1023 Message: 1023

http://www.classicexchange.org/sep11/sept11ann.html

Andy N8OFS "...BUT WE GOT A CABOOSE!!!" Sargent GOT6???

1024. Major QRP Event & PoTA Operation on Monte Sano USAL001

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-18 17:26:26 UTC
From: Craig w Behrens
Topic: 1024 Message: 1024

Almost everything is in place for a fun evening at our QRP gathering Saturday, 8/20/11 -- An Evening of QRP on Monte Sano, Southern Style.

This event will occur at Rustic Cabin #2 in Monte Sano State Park starting at 6PM local time.

After the BBQ dinner and Gibson's fresh-baked pies (with ice cream, of course), we will conduct our "Flying High with QRP" contest which will be judged by none other than Eric Swartz--WA6HHQ of Elecraft. (Special QRP-oriented Prizes will be given to the contest winners and we will have a door prize drawings for attendees.)

Brochures with all the details will be at the Elecraft booth at the Huntsville Hamfest, or you can request a copy from me by emailing me direct.

We will be doing PoTA QSO's Friday night through Sunday. Please help me pass the word.

Tnx -- Hope to see you there or at least on-the-air!

1025. Pics Posted...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-19 11:14:23 UTC
From: GregCT
Topic: 1025 Message: 1025

Posted a few pics of my portable efforts... hoping to add to it tomorrow with another op, but the forecast isn't looking good....

73
Enjoy
Greg
N1KPW

1026. Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park Activation this weekend

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-19 14:14:27 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1026 Message: 1026

Hello POTA's and SKCC'ers:

As soon as I am done work today I will be heading to Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park for the weekend with the kids. We will be doing some swimming, biking and taking in the annual street fair. I will also be operating and activating the Park as time and weather permits. I will operate 40 and up for sure, not enough room for a good 80 meter antenna. I will use my FT-817 and 33' MFJ telescopic pole.
Also will be active on PSK31 on 20 meters in daytime and 40 at night using NuePSK modem.

I will be near the following cw frequencies:
3560,7040,14060 I will also be near 7114.

Of course the usual PSK frequencies as well.

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1027. Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-19 19:51:15 UTC
From: Christian KJ4VPK
Topic: 1027 Message: 1027

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Christian
KJ4VPK

1028. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-19 20:01:18 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 1027 Message: 1028

Hi Christian,

Welcome to the group. You'll find some information on or home page:

www.hamparks.org

But to save you a mouse click, to activate a park for the first time (which earns it a designator number), you need only five contacts any band, any mode (although if FM on VHF and UHF, simplex only). Send the log to Kyle, N4NSS, and you're good to go.

As for rigs, I use an FT-817ND or an Elecraft KX1. Others will have their favorites. I've seen the K2 in the field, and it is superb as well. I don't envy you the anguish of choosing! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS
----- Original Message -----
From: "Christian KJ4VPK" <kj4vpk@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 3:51:15 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Intro

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1029. 70 CA Parks closing in Sept

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-21 23:28:15 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1029 Message: 1029

Due to our state fiscal problems, Gov Jerry Brown, also known as "Moon Beam" will be closing down 70 state parks starting next month and continuing into next year. Course most are in state of deterioration anyway, as they havent done any maintenance on them in sometime. High cost to use the facilities also; like $35 per nite for dry camping is causing many RV'ers and campers to go elsewhere.

Here is the latest list published by the state:\
http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=26685
List is on left hand margin.

Some I can see, but the Redwoods park??? That is a favorite tourist spot...doesnt make sense..

So with that, POTA activation of some parks are not going to be made in the near or possibly distant future.

I can tell the state how to cure their budget woes, but as usual, they dont want to listen to tax payers.....does that sound familar even on the federal level??

John W6ZKH

1030. Re: [p_o_t_a_] 70 CA Parks closing in Sept

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-21 23:32:20 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1029 Message: 1030

On Sun, 2011-08-21 at 23:28 +0000, John wrote:
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> cost to use the facilities also; like $35 per nite for dry camping is
> causing many RV'ers and campers to go elsewhere.

That's a real tragedy, John. As a transplanted Californian, I can vouch
for the once-wonderful network of parks. Arizona closed down a boatload
as well. Sigh...

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
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QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1031. Re: [p_o_t_a_] 70 CA Parks closing in Sept

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-21 23:47:44 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1029 Message: 1031

Hi John,
Same here in NJ.But the ones that are maintained the people there think
they own them.
We also have super high RV fees so I go with Diane to a place called Goson
Pond and it's nothing but an out of the way tent camping area.
Now they ask $10.00 for a permit but it's good for a week.
The problem is the young people use the area for drinking parties and you
just can't get any sleep so I use the local areas here where Washington and
his troops fought.
I have the OK to tent there and I can operate there as long as I stay away
from the old buildings.
I just have to let the local police now i'll be back there and that's fine
with me because then they come through a few times a night.
BOB
AF2Q

In a message dated 8/21/2011 8:28:18 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time,
w6zkh@... writes:

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1032. Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park Activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-22 16:54:06 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 1032 Message: 1032

Kakabeka Provincial Falls Park near Thunder Bay is now officially activated.
I made a total of 7 qso's this weekend with my FT-817 and 33.5' MFL telescopic pole using a vertical on it.
I spent hours calling,spotting on QRP Spots with little action noted after spotting.

I want to thank:
WB8DQT/QRP
WG0AT/QRP
WA9CW
WA3QWT
VE3FUJ
NN9K
VA3LHA

for helping me make it possible.
I used the FT-817 and my WEMK, vertical and the FT-817 LiPo battery pack that lasted all weekend. I used the NuePSK modem for my PSK contacts.

I will submit a full log to Kyle for posting in the next few days as I am on nights this week..

Many thanks one and all...

Fred
VE3FAL/QRP

1033. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park Activated

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-22 17:13:58 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1032 Message: 1033

Hi Fred,
You did well considering the bands are not in good shape,
I would not have been able to work you because we had storms everyday and last night we had some heavy floods.
Today is in the mid 70's and tonight will drop down in the mid 50's-F
Friday a hurricane is supposed to hit GA. so I guess a day or 2 we will be getting more rain.
My wagon is now fitted up for HF operations so I can now travel to some farther historic areas.
BOB
AF2Q

In a message dated 8/22/2011 1:54:10 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time, ve3fal@... writes:

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1034. New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-23 02:48:15 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 2 Message: 1034

I see lots of new members this weekend joined our group. Welcome one and all, I hope you have fun.

Guidelines for Park Activations can be found on the Yahoo Group and at http://www.hamparks.org/

You can also look to see if a Park near you has been activated and you can then operate there and pass out the Park activation number.

Awards are coming soon and will be announced once we get there.

Cheers

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1035. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-23 02:59:43 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 2 Message: 1035

Hi Fred,
The HB1A lives in my car so when I can I will be operating mobile from the areas where Washington and his troops fought.
Lots of Historic areas here by the river but not designated a park.
BTW,
Is this QRP only?
BOB
AF2Q

In a message dated 8/22/2011 11:48:19 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time, ve3fal@... writes:

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1036. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-23 04:09:36 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 2 Message: 1036

Bob:
Sounds great. No this group is not QRP only nor is it CW only...
I think lots of just operate QRP for the ease of portable operations.

Have fun.

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On Mon, 22 Aug 2011 22:59:43 -0400 (EDT)
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1037. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-23 04:17:56 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 2 Message: 1037

Hi again Fred,
OK that sounds good,
I have the FT 857D in the car along with the HB1A and the FT 817 ND so if I need more punch I run the big rig but don't ever remember using more then 30 watts.
When I plan to hit the site next week,(Pending on that storm) I will post it.
72/73
BOB
AF2Q

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1038. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-23 18:49:14 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1038

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /CanadaProvinces&territories /OntarioParksActivations&Logs.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Ontario Parks Activations & Logs

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/OntarioParksActivations%26Logs.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1039. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-23 19:10:15 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1027 Message: 1039

Greetings Christian,

Sorry for the delay in response...working 12 hr shifts...finally have time to answer....
I use my FT-817nd with LDG tuner...BuddiStick or Pole, or IC-7000 with tuner and various antennas.
I take my netbook for logging and PSK ops. I also can use my FT-857D that is in the vehicle with various antennas.

It is hot here in Florida so I try to get out when I can to play radio at the local parks.
I can't operate for home because
I live in a rented condo with too much QRN and I'm unable to put up antennas.
Hope to hear you sometime.
 73,
Kyle N4NSS ------Licensed 1966
P.O.T.A. group , P.O.T.A. website,
GORC #126, NAQCC #2019, ARPorable,
SKCC #3595, FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
CW-QRP-Homebrewers, WARC-CC #567,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

 Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: Christian KJ4VPK <kj4vpk@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 3:51 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Intro
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-24 00:22:48 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1040

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /City-CountyParksActivationInfo/IowaCounty-CityParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Iowa County-City Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/City-CountyParksActivationInfo/IowaCounty-CityParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1041. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-24 00:23:49 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1041

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /IowaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Iowa State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/IowaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1042. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-24 17:05:34 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1042

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
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File : /CanadaProvinces&territories /NovaScotiaProvincialParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Nova Scotia Provincia lParks & Activation Info.

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CanadaProvinces%26territories%20/NovaScotiaProvincialParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1043. Today's walkabout reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 14:33:38 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1043 Message: 1043

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73 de John W6ZKH

1044. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 15:03:29 UTC
From: Henry W5HNS
Topic: 1043 Message: 1044

I will try to remember your schedule and work you from San Antonio. What I should do is drive up the road to the city park and get on from there.

Henry W5HNS

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From: John Neeley <w6zkh@att.net>
To: GORC@...; hfnow@yahoogroups.com; nasota@yahoogroups.com; p_o_t_a_@...; PolarBearQRP_Ops@yahoogroups.com; TenTecR40Series@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2011 9:33 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

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1045. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 15:05:42 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1043 Message: 1045

Hi Henry.....well am heading out now to the city walking bike trail....out in the country abit so gets rid of all the QRM from the city...

73 de John

From: Henry W5HNS <w5hnsqrp@sbcglobal.net>
To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Sat, August 27, 2011 8:03:29 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

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1046. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 15:41:35 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1043 Message: 1046

PARK??? Itr must be cooler in San Antonio than it is up here in Dallas Henry???
Topping out around 106 today(in the shade!!!!)
  Alex K5UNY

From: Henry W5HNS <w5hnsqrp@sbcglobal.net>
To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Sat, August 27, 2011 10:03:29 AM
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To: GORC@...; hfnow@yahoogroups.com; nasota@yahoogroups.com; p_o_t_a_@...; PolarBearQRP_Ops@yahoogroups.com; TenTecR40Series@yahoogroups.com
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Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

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73 de John W6ZKH

1047. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 16:25:46 UTC
From: Henry W5HNS
Topic: 1043 Message: 1047

I aint doin it. For that reason. Suppose to be 105 - 107 here. I am on NW side so my temps line up with Boerne which is usually a degree or two cooler.
But I have already listened for W6ZKH and have not heard him yet. I am typing at 1626z

Henry W5HNS

From: Alex K. <k5uny@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc: Henry W5HNS <w5hnsqrp@...>
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2011 10:41 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

PARK??? Itr must be cooler in San Antonio than it is up here in Dallas Henry??? Topping out around 106 today(in the shade!!!!)
  Alex K5UNY

From: Henry W5HNS <w5hnsqrp@...>
To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Sat, August 27, 2011 10:03:29 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Today's walkabout reminder

I will try to remember your schedule and work you from San Antonio. What I should do is drive up the road to the city park and get on from there.

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1048. Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 17:15:26 UTC
From: Mike-WE0H
Topic: 1048 Message: 1048

Is POTA just for State or National parks or do people go to local city
or county parks and post here also?
I travel the Great Lakes States frequently and end up operating portable
QRP out of county & city parks.

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Mike-WE0H

1049. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 17:21:08 UTC
From: TJ Campie
Topic: 1048 Message: 1049
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1050. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 17:23:12 UTC
From: Mike-WE0H
Topic: 1048 Message: 1050

Excellent :) Thank you.

Mike-WE0H

TJ wrote:
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> City parks included! Make your 5 contacts and send to Kyle and then
> he'll add your city park to the list and assign a number to it. I
> just activated the first city park in my town too.
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> Have fun, 73 W0EA
> TJ Campie

1051. Fw: Todays Walkabout results

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 17:23:14 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1051 Message: 1051

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1052. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 17:50:58 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1048 Message: 1052

TJ,
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     72   Alex K5UNY Dallas Tx

From: TJ Campie <tom.campie@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, August 27, 2011 12:21:08 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

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1053. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 19:29:52 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1048 Message: 1053

On Sat, 2011-08-27 at 10:50 -0700, Alex K. wrote:
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1054. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 19:54:51 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1048 Message: 1054

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Thanks for the clarification.
72 Alex K5UNY

From: w1pns <w1pns@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sat, August 27, 2011 2:29:52 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

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1055. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-27 20:48:06 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1048 Message: 1055

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Oh man, I'll have to remember that. Kinda like: Hey, man, I smell what
you're stepping in.

With best regards,

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1056. Fw: [gorc] Hamstick "L" antenna for PedMobile work

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-28 04:38:32 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1056 Message: 1056

This morning I went out early to try and beat the heat to test out this Hamstick

"L" antenna arrangement. What gave me the idea was the Ad for the Buddipole antenna, showing all the different configurations that could be used, and noting

the "L" along with the "V" I thought those were the 2 best versions. I've seen pictures of fellows using the "V" but not the "L", so having spare Hamstick elements I threw this together for the test this morning. I was trying to get away from using the DragWire counterpoise that is normally used.

I setup at my usual Santa Fe Trail/Bike path east of town, as the man made noise

from computers, etc is non-existent out there. If you look back at my previous results from todays test, you see I had a good day, especially that Maritime Mobile off the coast of Indonesia.

http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/2011trips063.jpg

This photo shows the overall setup, including backpack. The Hamsticks sit approximately 2.5 ft above my head, giving clearance off the ground for the horizontal element, so as not to drag on ground due to "whippyness" of stinger.

http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/2011trips064.jpg

This photo shows the 2 CB mirror type 3/8x24 mounts used; one vertical and one horizontal, 90 degs apart. The horizontal (bottom) antenna's SO-239 connector goes to a PL-259 connector with a single wire which attaches to the mounting bold (grounded side of coax) of the vertical mount, giving it the "L" dipole design.

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This photo shows the internal pack frame that is used. I used Sch 40 PVC 3/4 inch and is fitted to the inside of the pack. I used "Zip ties" at the zipper loop where the vertical pipe comes out of the pack to hold that section vertically and prevents horizontal movement also.

Those Hamstick type antennas are found a local hamfests for $15-20 each.

I hope this info is of any help. PedMobile is FUN...If you look at my www.QRZ.com page you will see my picture of the OP TABLE I use for this setup, which holds the xcvr and key.

72/73 de John W6ZKH

[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1057. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Fw: Todays Walkabout results

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-28 13:53:08 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1051 Message: 1057

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>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2011 1:23 PM
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1058. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Fw: Todays Walkabout results

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-28 13:57:07 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1051 Message: 1058

Morning Kyle.....no, it wasnt in a park but walking along a 10 mile long city trail system built on the old Santa Fe RR bed, but I do have a city park, Del Lago, right across the street from me with plenty of city QRM, hi.. I will give it a try next week .

John W6ZKH

From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
To: "p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca" <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Sun, August 28, 2011 6:53:08 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Fw: Todays Walkabout results

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1059. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-28 19:46:18 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1048 Message: 1059

Pete et all,
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     That is a verifiable case of reading something the first time and not seeing what you're reading!!!

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     As soon as the 100+F days go away I'll be out and about but not till then whenever "then" may be.

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1060. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Question on use of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-28 19:59:28 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1048 Message: 1060

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1061. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-28 21:28:51 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1061

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MissouriStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Missouri State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MissouriStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1062. New Member Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 04:58:30 UTC
From: k5teb
Topic: 957 Message: 1062

Hi Y'all,
My name is Terry and I live in Jackson,Ms. Ham since 2002 and have lately become enamored with cw, qrp, and portable ops. Since summits and islands are scarce around central Mississippi, parks seemed a viable alternative.
I am a retired R.N. Been married to Miz Linda since 1975. We have 5 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, 5 grandsons and 3 granddoggies.
My cw speed is only 10 wpm but I keep at it. Hope to talk with many of you during the coming fall.
72/73 de k5teb, Terry. Y'all come see us.

1063. Welcome Kieth WI0S

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 12:33:15 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1063 Message: 1063

I would like to welcome Kieth to the group.
Help Kieth activate Glacier National Park later this week.

Welcome aboard Kieth.

Fred
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DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

1064. POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 13:44:42 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1064 Message: 1064

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1065. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 14:13:41 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1065

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /TennesseeStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Tennessee State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/TennesseeStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1066. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Welcome Kieth WI0S

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 14:35:47 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1063 Message: 1066

You know by the time I get to retire all the good spots will have been activated.

I'll be looking for Keith on the airwaves.....have fun...

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From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 8:33 AM
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1067. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Member Intro

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 14:55:06 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 957 Message: 1067

TErry,

Good to have you aboard. If you have any questions feel free to ask.
Whant you go to a park be sure to post your outings on POTA, HFP-Pack, QRP spots, or any way you can get the word out.
Have fun.....73

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From: k5teb <k5teb@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 12:58 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New Member Intro
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>Hi Y'all,
>My name is Terry and I live in Jackson,Ms. Ham since 2002 and have lately become enamored with cw, qrp, and portable ops. Since summits and islands are scarce around central Mississippi, parks seemed a viable alternative.
>I am a retired R.N. Been married to Miz Linda since 1975. We have 5 sons, 3 daughters-in-law, 5 grandsons and 3 granddoggies.
>My cw speed is only 10 wpm but I keep at it. Hope to talk with many of you during the coming fall.
>72/73 de k5teb, Terry. Y'all come see us.
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1068. Let's have some CW FUN!!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 17:28:53 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1068 Message: 1068

Come one come all, old timers and young guns alike.
This is an EVENT to test or improve your cw skills and have blast doing it.
I will be operating from Pilot Mountain State Park USNC004 and yet to be activated Guilford Courthouse National Military Park during the 48 hour event.

On behalf of Dick, K2RFP I suggest you:
Get ready for some CW Fun! It is billed as an event and not
a contest and is like no other CW activity that I know of,
excepting of course, the last time Dick ran one like this!
All amateur operators are welcome and encouraged to participate at the speed and level you wish. You can play by sending, receiving or BOTH!.

The registration window is open. http://cwfun.org/

Dick. k2rfp

Randy_KB4QQJ

1069. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 17:41:12 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1064 Message: 1069

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1070. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 18:03:43 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1064 Message: 1070

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From: Alex K. <k5uny@...>
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1071. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 18:10:56 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1064 Message: 1071

Nice try John....Save those contacts for later....I'm at work otherwise I'd be out there trying to contact you.

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1072. NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the Sep/Oct POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 18:33:33 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1072 Message: 1072

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http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?calendar=default&month=9

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>> ON THE CALENDAR,CLICK ON THE DESIRED EVENT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS <<

Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and POTA members

IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR PARK ACTIVATION YOU WANT LISTED
PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO kb4qqj[at]gmail[dot]com

1073. Re: Welcome Kieth WI0S

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 18:35:16 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1063 Message: 1073

Welcome Kieth!! I'll be looking for you in the park. Have fun and enjoy the outing!!

Randy_KB4QQJ

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1074. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 19:18:06 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1064 Message: 1074

Same here at work and NO RADIO AGGGHHHHHHHHH......

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Date: 2011-08-30 19:20:47 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1072 Message: 1075

Randy :

I will be operating portable at Elizabeth Lake this Labour day long weekend
from Friday to Sunday.
Returning to Thunder Bay Sunday afternoon to get to the annual Hymers fall
fair to close off the summer season on Monday.

The following weekend I have the Caribou Restaurant Charity 50km bike ride
to partake in, maybe need to set a radio up on the bike, hi hi...

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Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and POTA members

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1076. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-30 20:33:16 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1064 Message: 1076

I wasn't at no park but I spent some tome with my Mother at the Nursing
home and I have a nice long 65 foot end fed wire in the tree.
Didn't try making any contacts but did a lot of listening on 40 meters
with the HB1A rig.
Looks like the rest of the week is going to be nice.
After that we will be keeping an eye on

BULLETIN
TROPICAL STORM KATIA ADVISORY NUMBER 6
NWS NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER MIAMI FL AL122011
1100 AM AST TUE AUG 30 2011

...KATIA SLOWLY STRENGTHENING OVER THE EASTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC.
All we need is more water.
BOB
AF2Q

In a message dated 8/30/2011 4:18:11 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time,
ve3fal@... writes:

Same here at work and NO RADIO AGGGHHHHHHHHH......

Fred
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On Tue, 30 Aug 2011 11:10:56 -0700 (PDT)
Kyle N4NSS <_n4nss@..._ (mailto:n4nss@...) > wrote:
Nice try John....Save those contacts for later....I'm at work otherwise
I'd
be out there trying to contact you.

Kyle N4NSS ------Licensed 1966
P.O.T.A. group , P.O.T.A. website,
GORC #126, NAQCC #2019, ARPorable,
SKCC #3595, FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
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Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
My site: _http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/_ (http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/)

Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: John Neeley <_w6zkh@..._ (mailto:w6zkh@...) >
>To: _p_o_t_a_@..._ (mailto:p_o_t_a_@...)
>Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 2:03 PM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30
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>
>Only 2 Q's from the park. 1st was Paul W0RW in Colorado Springs with a
579
>both directions, then called CQ for 45 minutes and the AB5RE in Lubbock
with a
>559 to me and he had to boost to 100w then copy was good at 579... alot
of
>local QRM and also strange mix of sigs on 060... there was a mix between
a
>foreign broadcast station and WWV!!! I could hear the "ticking and
>announcements" in along with the broadcast audio.... it was so strong at
59
>with QSB and at the end of my stint it had pretty much went away...I dont
hear
>it here at the house which was only half mile away at this time....dunno
could
>have been a mix inside that R4020, dunno.... I heard a NM5S I thought
called
>me, but never came back, otherwise didnt hear anyone else...sorry....my
>computer/tv/satellite QRM is terrible in this subdivision I live
in....that is
>why I go to the Santa Fe trail system out in the boonies away to get away
from
>all that crud.
>
>Oh, I got visited by the local policeman.....haha....he stopped just to
see
>what the heck I was doing under that pavillion in the park with this
yellow
>pole and wires up in the short trees (new park), haha... Dunno maybe I
should
>have tried the "L" arrangement... I could have done that with that wire
>dipole, but might have been abit dangerous with RF floating so close to
the
>ground..
>
>John W6ZKH
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>From: Alex K. <_k5uny@..._ (mailto:k5uny@...) >
>To: _p_o_t_a_@..._ (mailto:p_o_t_a_@...)
>Sent: Tue, August 30, 2011 10:41:12 AM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation: CA - Tulare city park 8/30
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>
>John,
> Started hearing you around 1635, but sig was at my noise level and
below.
>Called you at 1710 and barely heard you Q?? something back so guessed u
hadn't
>heard my 4W, u were 229 or so with a bit of that dreaded QSbaker..I gave
up
>listening.
>
> Did you have your dipole set up at 15ft?? Would it be a lot of trouble
to
>try
>
>your L at the local parks??? Today might have been part propagation and
part
>the
>low dipole?? I'll bet you were loud enuff in other places to nail ur 5
>contacts.
>
> If you have something like a 20ft fiberglass telescoping fishing pole
you
>can
>do whats called an "Up and Outer"(fancy name for an L, it was in one of
my
>SPRAT
>quarterlies) using wire, but it would have to be from a fixed location
and not
>for a Walkabout. I haven't tried, but maybe a Google search would show up
a Up
>and Outer if you are interested.
>
> I think an L of any kind is a fine antenna as you get the best of both
>worlds,
>
>H and V polarization, just maybe a bit more difficult to manage in some
>instances.
>
> 72 and anxious to hear where ur 5 contacts were located.(Prop path
>indicators!!)
> Alex K5UNY Dallas, Tx
> FISTS 3304, SKCC 2013, PB 105, FP 742
> G-QRP 4926, NAQCC 193 QrpARCI 6263
>
>_________________________________

>From: John Neeley <_w6zkh@..._ (mailto:w6zkh@...) >
>To: _p_o_t_a_@..._ (mailto:p_o_t_a_@...)
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1077. Re: Welcome Kieth WI0S

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-31 12:37:56 UTC
From: Kieth
Topic: 1063 Message: 1077

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We are all set for this outing now, gear is packed and all set. We will be leaving Minnesota Thursday late afternoon and have a campsite reserved for Friday evening in St. Mary campground. Out intentions will be to then move to Many Glacier campground Sat. and make camp there for the next 5 nights.

73, Kieth

1078. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Welcome Kieth WI0S

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-31 12:44:53 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1063 Message: 1078

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> there for the next 5 nights.
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> 73, Kieth

This sounds like a great trip, Kieth. Take lots of pictures! ;-)

So, for posting on the POTA site purposes, that puts you in GNP from
Sept. 3 to Sept. 8?

With best regards,

Pete

--
Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
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"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1079. Re: NEW EVENTS have been uploaded to the Sep/Oct POTA Events Calendar

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-31 17:25:14 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1072 Message: 1079

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I've posted your Elizabeth Lake to the calendar.

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
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> Randy :
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> I will be operating portable at Elizabeth Lake this Labour day long weekend
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> On Tue, 30 Aug 2011 18:33:33 -0000
> "kb4qqj" <kb4qqj@...> wrote:
> This email message is a notification that NEW EVENTS have been
> uploaded to the August/September Events Calendar located here:
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> http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?calendar=default&month=9
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-31 19:06:44 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1072 Message: 1080

Yea watching the road and vehicles when on 2 wheels is hard enough. I got my
50km's down to just under 2 hours now, so I hope on the 11th I will be able
to do the same or better my time.

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-31 19:27:59 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1064 Message: 1081

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Topic: 1082 Message: 1082

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Date: 2011-08-31 19:51:56 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1064 Message: 1083

Hi Alex.....isnt that ironic I was working on a new version of a "Hamstick L" antenna this morning.....see the thread and pictures... I dont have any of that fancy dancy test gear like the 259.... way I look at it.....if it doesnt smoke, then I am in the ballpark, hi... The dipole I used yesterday wasnt the Hamstick version, but a wire dipole attached to the painters pole... I dont care what the guru's that figure out this prop stuff.....it doesnt work for me...bands are terrible here today, like yesterday...

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-08-31 21:15:35 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1082 Message: 1084

John,
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    I've been looking at State PArks thinking maybe my EFHW's would work OK but now ya got me thinkin'.
    I have to find a close Truck Stop and get a couple of those mounts! John u are a trouble maker!! Us Ex-Bell guys have to stick together.(or maybe not??)

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From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1072 Message: 1085

Wow,
That's pretty dang good! Averaging 15+ MPH....I know how tuff that is on a bike. Well done and Good Luck!

Randy

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> > Returning to Thunder Bay Sunday afternoon to get to the annual Hymers fall
> > fair to close off the summer season on Monday.
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> > The following weekend I have the Caribou Restaurant Charity 50km bike ride
> > to partake in, maybe need to set a radio up on the bike, hi hi...
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> > On Tue, 30 Aug 2011 18:33:33 -0000
> > "kb4qqj" <kb4qqj@> wrote:
> > This email message is a notification that NEW EVENTS have been
> > uploaded to the August/September Events Calendar located here:
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> > http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?calendar=default&month=9
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> > Of particular interest to the POTA group is Sep 4-5, Sep 10, 17 and 18
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> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ ALL TIMES/DATES=UTC
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> > Thursday, September 1
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ DxPedition P29CW
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> > Friday, September 2
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ FISTS G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest
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> > Saturday, September 3
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> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ RSGB Field Day / SSB
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 6:00 -8:00 : Wake-Up! QRP Sprint (CW)
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 13:00 -16:00 : AGCW Straight Key Party -- CW/ 40 meters
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> > Sunday, September 4
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ POTA - Glacier National Park
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> > Monday, September 5

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> > Tuesday, September 6
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ Michigan QRP Labor Day Sprint (CW/QRP)
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 1:00 -3:00 : Adventure Radio Spartan Sprint (CW / QRP)
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> > Friday, September 9
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ FISTS: Get Your Feet Wet Weekend
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> > Saturday, September 10
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 16:00 -23:59 : Indiana State Parks on the Air
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 16:00 -23:59 : Ohio State Parks On The Air
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> > Sunday, September 11
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ Arkansas QSO Party
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 0:00 -4:00 : NA SPRINT -- CW
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 13:00 -18:59 : Swiss HTC QRP Sprint -- CW
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 13:00 -18:59 : Swiss HTC QRP Sprint (QRP/CW)
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> > Thursday, September 15
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 0:30 -2:30 : NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 0:30 -2:30 : NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint
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> > Saturday, September 17
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ POTA - CAROUSEL FESTIVAL
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ QRP Afield
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> > Sunday, September 18
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ POTA - CAROUSEL FESTIVAL
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ QRP Afield
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> > Monday, September 19
> > Ã¢â□¬Â¢ 1:00 -3:00 : RUN FOR THE BACON (CW)
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> > >> ON THE CALENDAR,CLICK ON THE DESIRED EVENT AND FOLLOW THE LINKS <<
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> > Submitted by: KB4QQJ, and POTA members
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> > IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR PARK ACTIVATION YOU WANT LISTED
> > PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO kb4qqj[at]gmail[dot]com
> >
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1086. Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 00:52:38 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 778 Message: 1086

From: Steven Balliette <kd0etc@...>
To: Parks on the Air POTA <p_o_t_a_@...>
Date: Wed, 31 Aug 2011 18:34:29 -0500
Subject: Split Rock Lighthouse State Park
From: KD0ETC, Steve
Date: 1 Sept 11
QTH: Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, Minnesota. Lake Superior North Shore
Mode: SSB
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Until: 1900 utc if the flies are not too bad.

Hope to work some POTA members.

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KD0ETC, Steve

1087. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 11:29:29 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 778 Message: 1087

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On Wed, 31 Aug 2011 17:52:38 -0700 (PDT)
Steve Balliette <kenwest821@...> wrote:

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1088. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 11:52:48 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 778 Message: 1088

Hi Fred,I suspect that we are too close for a 20 meter contact. I do want to get an antenna to try 40 meter NVIS. I once worked some nearby (100 mi) stations using a longwire up about 20 feet so maybe I will get that set up again. The problem is for me it takes carrying a tuner and balun which adds to the weight and bulk of my kit. I have heard that the Par EndFedz brand does not need a tuner. Do you or anyone else have experience with that antenna?

Steve, KD0ETC

--- On Thu, 9/1/11, Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@tbaytel.net>
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Split Rock Lighthouse State Park
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Thursday, September 1, 2011, 6:29 AM

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1089. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 12:14:38 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 778 Message: 1089

Yep, Randy KB4QQJ can fill you in on the PAR antenna system, I have yet to get one myself to try.
I have worked the guys during the annual Edmund Fitzgerald/Lighthouse activation weekend on 20 meters while in the mobile with a hamstick sitting at Hillcrest Park overlooking the lake.
Bill VE3XT goes to Split Rock every year to operate on that weekend.

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1090. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hamstick Dipole and "L" mod

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 12:34:39 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1082 Message: 1090

Like the guys using the Buddipole that "L" configuration creates a beam or added gain in the direction of the horizontal leg.

Kyle N4NSS ------Licensed 1966
P.O.T.A. group , P.O.T.A. website,

"L" mod

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1091. Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 22:16:38 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1091 Message: 1091

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John W6ZKH

1092. Re: [CW-QRP-HOMEBREWERS] Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 22:25:06 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1092 Message: 1092

Hi John,
That looks like some very professional work you did there.And from past post it's doing a fine job.
One of my list members sent me this site and their in FL so tomorrow i'm going to order the antenna shown whan you click on HF just above Red Cross
BOB
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In a message dated 9/1/2011 7:16:40 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time, w6zkh@... writes:

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1093. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: [CW-QRP-HOMEBREWERS] Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 22:33:18 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1092 Message: 1093

Thanks for the comments.....I have seen the ads from BlueStar before, but I havent check the reviews from eHams on them.... I'd rather "roll my own" anyway...

John W6ZKH

From: "OllySteed@..." <OllySteed@...>
To: CW-QRP-HOMEBREWERS@yahoogroups.com; p_o_t_a_@...; TenTecR40Series@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Thu, September 1, 2011 3:25:06 PM
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1094. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: [CW-QRP-HOMEBREWERS] Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-01 22:53:48 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1092 Message: 1094

No problem,
I guess i'll be the Bluestar tester:-)
BOB
AF2Q

In a message dated 9/1/2011 7:33:22 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time,
w6zkh@... writes:

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In a message dated 9/1/2011 7:16:40 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time,
w6zkh@... writes:

1095. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Split Rock Lighthouse State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 00:07:32 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 778 Message: 1095

Fred, I had a good day at Split Rock SP. The Flies were not a problem

Steve, KD0ETC

--- On Thu, 9/1/11, Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...> wrote:

From: Fred VE3FAL <ve3fal@...>
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Hope to work some POTA members.

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KD0ETC, Steve

1096. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 00:24:39 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 1091 Message: 1096

John, Very nice set up. I have used a ground mounted vertical for 2 years now. It works well, but I have wanted to get some directional gain. This is an option I can try. I suspect that the height of the mast should be as tall as practical (5 to 10 feet) which makes supporting it a problem for me as I try to keep the weight and bulk down to allow backpack portable operation. How might the antenna perform if the mast is only 4 foot? More like an NVIS than a standard vertical?

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From: John Neeley <w6zkh@...>
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Date: Thursday, September 1, 2011, 5:16 PM

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1097. Re: Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 00:36:22 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1091 Message: 1097

Steve, take a look at message #1056 and the pictures show my PedMobile setup using the Hamsticks in a "L" configuration. What I did with this same mount today was modifiy it to make it sorta like a single unit, not split. I'll be out again this weekend playing with this setup using a new FT817 I got, but no CW Filter, so might just stick to QRP SSB around 14.3425...

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1098. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 00:44:03 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 1091 Message: 1098

I will be working on it this weekend, so maybe we can make a contact on 14.342.5

Steve, KD0ETC

--- On Thu, 9/1/11, John <w6zkh@...> wrote:

From: John <w6zkh@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Homebrew mount for whip type dipoles
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Thursday, September 1, 2011, 7:36 PM

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> mount, horizontal, but of course going the opposite direction.. (think you get

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> my drift?) I used 4-1/4"x2.5" bolts, 8-1/4-3/8x1/2" spacers. Anyway just

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> another day lost in retirement-land.

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> http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/DSCN0860.jpg

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> John W6ZKH

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1099. Portable today in park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 16:29:58 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1099 Message: 1099

9/2/11
1700 : 14.061 +/-
1800 : 14.3425 +/-
Radio: FT-817 5w
Ant: Hamstick "L" configuration for a test

Hope to hear you and be heard..

John W6ZKH

1100. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Portable today in park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 17:43:56 UTC
From: Henry W5HNS
Topic: 1099 Message: 1100

I listened for about 10 minutes from 1710Z. Did not hear anything but did work a mobile in Johnson, WY down about 14055. I was using my FT100d down to 5 watts
(yes it will go that low) to a 20m Hustler resonator in the van. It is hot out there !!!

Henry W5HNS
San Antonio, TX

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From: John Neeley <w6zkh@...>
To: GORC@Yahoogroups.com; hfnow@yahoogroups.com; p_o_t_a_@...;
TenTecR40Series@yahoogroups.com
Sent: Friday, September 2, 2011 11:29 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Portable today in park

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1101. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Portable today in park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 19:31:20 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1099 Message: 1101

Condx very tough on my end. Being in that city park, surrounded by houses with computers, tv and who knows what else, that "L" configuration picks up more of that hash and QRM than the dipole, which I did switch too after 1800. I did work 2 stations, 1 CW K4QS SOTA in VA and VA7 in BC on SSB. Not a good QRP DAY it seems.... Thanks for listening though..

John W6ZKH

From: Henry W5HNS <w5hnsqrp@sbcglobal.net>
To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Fri, September 2, 2011 10:43:56 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Portable today in park

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1102. Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 23:12:25 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1102 Message: 1102

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Looking forward to more "on the air" interaction with y'all over the coming months. 72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

1103. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-02 23:53:37 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1102 Message: 1103

On Fri, 2011-09-02 at 17:12 -0600, James Rodenkirch wrote:
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Welcome aboard! Slow going but we're working on a page for posting and
listing upcoming activations on the website. Zion and Bryce. Very sweet!
Been there, seen them, and want to go back!

With best regards,

Pete

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1104. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 00:21:02 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1102 Message: 1104

Hi JIm,
    WELCOME to the POTA gang !!
 Know your name well as have seen your many posts on QRP-l and recently today concerning the Hendricks Small EFHW Tuner.
     I haven't been a member long but felt this was a better group for me than SOTA. Activating Parks can be fun and I'll give my first a try as soon as the wx cools off to where being outside is Fun!!
    You have some nice ones out there in your neck of the woods.

    Welcome
     72   Alex K5UNY   Dallas TX

From: James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Fri, September 2, 2011 6:12:25 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

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1105. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 00:36:07 UTC
From: Randy Drake
Topic: 1102 Message: 1105

Hi Jim,
Welcome aboard! It's been a while. sounds like you have some very nice parks to add to the growing list!! I'll look forward to working you in some of them.

72 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

On Fri, Sep 2, 2011 at 7:12 PM, James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@...>wrote:

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1106. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 00:57:10 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1102 Message: 1106

Hi Jim,
I never got involved in any of those SOTA clubs
It have become very political and the few in charge, form their own cliques just like you see on many mailing list.
If one of their friends don't like you the your just shove aside.
I been doing a lot of antenna work and have my mobile rig set up and I ready to go.
I don't bother spotting any more because as many times as I did I was just ignored and I know many heard me.
So I will just look for POTA hams on the air and post when i'll be on.
Usually on most mornings at 14:00 UTC around 7.050 down to 7.040
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BOB
AF2Q

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1107. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 02:21:59 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1102 Message: 1107

THAT is exactly why I and another SOTA manager are bailing, Bob....I see you on the QRP reflector so nice to meet you here as well.

We'll "meet" on 40 one of these mornings as soon as the band starts going a little longer 'tween s/w Utah and your QTH.....I'll get ready to activate a couple of state parks here in s/w Utah shortly. Jim R. K9JWV

To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
From: OllySteed@...
Date: Fri, 2 Sep 2011 20:57:10 -0400
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1108. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 02:23:21 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1102 Message: 1108

Hey Randy - good to "see you" again. Do I need to give you a list of the parks here in Utah to add to the potential list or just announce when I'm headed out to one? Jim R. K9JWV

To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: kb4qqj@...
Date: Fri, 2 Sep 2011 20:36:07 -0400
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

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On Fri, Sep 2, 2011 at 7:12 PM, James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@...> wrote:

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1109. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 02:47:48 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1102 Message: 1109

Hi Jim,
My Mother is in a nursing home so I go there in the morning,stay until lunch comes around then I feed her.
She is not able to feed herself.
She likes being along so I go out to the back of the building where I have a nice end fed wire.
I operate until 4:30 EST,feed her supper then come home.
If the weather is bad I sit in the old 1988 Wagon aka the queen Mary.
It does get me stressed out and you won't believe this but I had to call 911 for me today.
My insides just decided to cave in.
Anyone that takes care of some helpless person knows how stressful it can be.
So tomorrow when I get home around 20:00 UTC i'm just going to take a pill and sleep the night away then start all over again:-)
BOB
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In a message dated 9/2/2011 11:22:04 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time, rodenkirch_llc@... writes:

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1110. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 02:53:48 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1102 Message: 1110

I can empathize with you, Bob - my Mom was in assisted care and, ultimately, nursing care until she passed away last spring. My sis and I spent lots of time "helping her." I called my Mom almost every day, just to say hi and hear her voice.

My heart goes out to you - it's a tuff road to hoe and I do not envy you BUT I can empathize, my friend. Your attention to her needs demonstrates your compassion and resolve to help.....good on ya, Matey.

Hope we can have a QSO this fall, ma Mon! Best regards and hang in there....Jim R.

To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: OllySteed@...
Date: Fri, 2 Sep 2011 22:47:48 -0400
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

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1111. Successful Activation Adirondack Park, NY Sep 1 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 15:09:20 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1111 Message: 1111

Group -

On Sep 1, 2011 I activated Adirondack Park in NY for POTA. As I understand it , Adirondack Park does not fit the usual park classifications very well. It is not a National, State, Regional, County or City Park. It is under the administration of the NY Department of Environmental Conservation, which also administers the NY State Parks, so maybe it should join that list.
I did not provide email notification of intended activation of the Park because it is in an area where Hurricane Irene caused serious flooding. I was uncertain whether roads would be open to Fish Creek Pond Campground, or whether the campground would be open. As it turned out, the roads west of the campground were open, as was the campground. Apologies to all for the failure of notification.
All contacts were made from Fish Creek Campground on 20 M. I used two antennas, both hung from a 40 ft telescoping fiberglass pole. In the morning, I used a half-wave-end-fed vertical dipole. In the afternoon a inverted V dipole. All contacts were made with an Elecraft K3 using 100 watts. Some were made using the camper's batteries and some using the generator for power.
Fish Creek Pond Campground is a standout campground. The "Pond" would have be called a lake by many. The area is covered in a mix of deciduous and evergreen trees including lots of white-barked birch. The view of the Pond from the campsites is spectacular. The sites are large enough for me to put up the inverted V at 40 feet, have the angle between the elements be > 90 degrees, and keep the stakes and ropes all on my campsite. There was a hole above in the shade trees large enough for me to position the camper so the antenna mast would clear the branches. I hope to post some photos soon.
The list of my contacts is below. I used the call K4KGG/2.
All calls are from Sep 1, 2011. I made contacts on subsequent days, but they are not included in the activation list. All calls QSLd via LOTW now, and by card later this year.

K4KGG, Larry

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14:57 W1ABO 59 57 Carl Milledgeville GA 14.284
19:00 KL7LF 58 53 Joe Fairbanks, AK
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19:07 KB1UM 55 55 Michael near Seattle, WA 14.266
20:55 LZ85R 58 59 Bulgaria Fed of Radio Amateurs
Sofia, Bulgaria 14.2195

21:04 N0VRM 59 59 Gene Duluth, MN 14.282
21:28 W4ULB/M 56 57 Glenn near Jacksonville, FL 14.287
21:31 KD0CRI 59 57 Darrell Meadville MO 14.287
21:42 N7BLZ 56 56 Blake Snohomish, WA
14.287

1112. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Adirondack Park, NY Sep 1 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 15:45:39 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1111 Message: 1112

On Sat, 2011-09-03 at 11:09 -0400, Larry Libsch wrote:
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Congratulations, Larry,

I've spent many an enjoyable summer vacation in the high-peaks region. The park is an odd duck, but personally, I would tend to classify it as a state park. As I understand it, about a third of the park is state-owned reserve and the rest is privately owned, but the area does have a fairly well-defined boundary around the region. And any development on private land within that boundary must be reviewed by the state's Adirondack Park Agency, so for our purposes, I'd say you've just bagged the biggest park and the largest state-protected area in the country.

And no apologies needed on no advanced notice. You just have to use your best judgment, and it sounds like it worked! I suspect activation alerts will grow in importance on subsequent activations, where an operator will be handing out the park's number.

For now, however, I envy you the outing. It's a wonderful place!

With best regards,

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1113. Photos from Adirondack Park activation uploaded to Site

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 16:22:11 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 1113 Message: 1113

All -

Photos from Adirondack Park activation uploaded and titled Adirondack Park.

73, K4KGG, Larry

1114. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-03 16:50:50 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1102 Message: 1114

Welcome aboard Jim,

I will make up a Utah file as soon as I can....Working this weekend.
Looks like the WEST is perking up with interest from hamdom.

I'm the file keeper so far with option to pass to anyone who wishes to be the "Keeper of the Log" as time goes.
So far I'm able to handle it.

The object is to have FUN!
73,

Kyle N4NSS ------Licensed 1966
P.O.T.A. group , P.O.T.A. website,
GORC #126, NAQCC #2019, ARPorable,
SKCC #3595, FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
CW-QRP-Homebrewers, WARC-CC #567,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

 Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

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1115. Re: Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-04 00:50:29 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1102 Message: 1115

Hey Jim,
No, I think that would be up to Kyle, N4NSS . He takes care of those things. I'm just a member and calendar keeper. And of course portable operator ;-)
Of course announce when you are headed out to a park. After you make the required 5 contacts it will be issued an number by Kyle and entered into the database. The FAQ there needs some updating, It still says only State, Provincial and National parks are eligible, but that has been changed recently to City and county Maintained Parks as well.
if you know far enough ahead of time, I'll post it on the calendar. if it is a spur of the moment thing, just post it on the Yahoo group to include Park, approx time, Date, Bands and modes.
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1116. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-04 01:14:47 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1102 Message: 1116

On Sun, 2011-09-04 at 00:50 +0000, kb4qqj wrote:
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And we're about one glitch away from having a central place on the POTA website for posting and displaying upcoming activations. We're "th-i-s" close...

With best regards,

Pete

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1117. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-04 05:03:21 UTC
From: OllySteed@aol.com
Topic: 1102 Message: 1117

Guess it's time for me to leave.
I thought this was going to me 100% POTA.
Now I see I have to make a 5 required contact to get a number.
I have been tying to stay away from the contesting type on air contacts.
I guess next is on line logging.

In a message dated 9/3/2011 9:50:34 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time,
kb4qqj@... writes:

After you make the required 5 contacts it will be issued an number by Kyle
and entered into the database. The FAQ there needs some updating, It still
says only State, Provincial and National parks are eligible, but that has
been changed recently to City and county Maintained Parks as well.

1118. Re: Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-04 05:16:30 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1102 Message: 1118

Bob,
I think you misunderstood. In order for the "PARK" to get a number someone, anyone, not necessarily "you" needs to make 5 contacts from the park. Then the "PARK" gets a number that anyone can collect or not.

Randy_KB4QQJ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., OllySteed@... wrote:
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1119. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Hi to all

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-04 11:06:13 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1102 Message: 1119

Kyle N4NSS ------Licensed 1966
P.O.T.A. group , P.O.T.A. website,
GORC #126, NAQCC #2019, ARPorable,
SKCC #3595, FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
CW-QRP-Homebrewers, WARC-CC #567,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

 Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: "OllySteed@..." <OllySteed@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Sunday, September 4, 2011 1:03 AM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Hi to all
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1120. Waterproof Log Book

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-04 18:38:30 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1120 Message: 1120

I was reading the online version of World Radio this morning and happen to come across this ad for Waterproof Log Book, etc. Dont know if it has been shown or not here, but thought I would pass it along, as remember someone asking about them.

http://www.waterprooflogbooks.com/radio_logbook.html

John W6ZKH

1121. Activation of Chatham Park, Cedar Rapids, IA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-04 19:36:26 UTC
From: TJ Campie
Topic: 1121 Message: 1121
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1122. Results of antenna test in park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-05 03:00:18 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1122 Message: 1122

Guess I am abit late in giving the findings of my morning in the park the other day.....set up antenna and radio....first used the Hamstick "L" configuration.... with that park surrounded by houses with noisy Plasma TV's, computers, and whatnot, it was too noisy to hear anything but super strong sigs. Dropped the antenna down, took the vertical element off and made it a horizontal dipole, which dropped the noise level down to S1 from S7. I did work 2 stations, one in VA on Cw and one on Vancouver Island, BC on SSB with the FT-817. Band condx werent the greatest either... next time I will go to my "quiet spot" out in the country more...

John W6ZKH

"L"configuration
http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/DSCN0862.jpg
"Dipole" configuration
http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/DSCN0864.jpg
Hitchhiker on guy rope
http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/DSCN0865.jpg

1123. Glacier National Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-05 17:08:45 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1123 Message: 1123

Been hearing Kieth on 7.050 and 14.051 but can't get him to hear me.
Hope some of you work him. He is working hard! :-)
I'm still listening and calling on those two freqs to add to his contact list

Randy_KB4QQJ

1124. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Glacier National Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-05 17:43:37 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1123 Message: 1124

How long will he be operating at Glacier, Randy? I can hear someone at 14.051 but too weak for me to copy so band's not kind to close in QSOs. Jim R. K9JWV

To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: KB4QQJ@...
Date: Mon, 5 Sep 2011 17:08:45 +0000
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Glacier National Park

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Hope some of you work him. He is working hard! :-)

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Randy_KB4QQJ

1125. Bowman Woods Park activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-05 18:51:27 UTC
From: TJ Campie
Topic: 1125 Message: 1125
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1126. Re: Glacier National Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-05 18:56:32 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1123 Message: 1126

Jim,
Below is an partial of what he has on my Events Calendar:

<<<<<<<..... I would guess that most of my operating will be evenings after dinner and then early mornings. Labor Day I would like to make a few contacts during the day if possible and may even try some (oh no, don't say it) ssb.-- ... CW 7.050, 10.120, 18.080, 21.050, 24.880 and 28.050. If the end fed wire will let me I will also try 3.565. SSB near the bottom edge of the General portions listening UP. 7.175, 14.225, 18.120, 21.175, 24.935 and 28.305. Again, if the end fed wire will let me I will try 3.925 plus or minus. Watch for possible "spots" on http://www.obriensweb.com/sked/index.php?board=skcc and the reverse beacon site at http://www.reversebeacon.net. We will wrap this little adventure up and head back for MN no later than Thursday am the 8th. 73, cu on the bands. Kieth wi0s skcc 2048t Fists 12093>>>>>>>>>>>

Randy_KB4QQJ

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> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> From: KB4QQJ@...
> Date: Mon, 5 Sep 2011 17:08:45 +0000
> Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Glacier National Park
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> Randy_KB4QQJ
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1127. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:39:58 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1127

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /City-CountyParksActivationInfo/IowaCounty-CityParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Iowa County-City Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/City-CountyParksActivationInfo/IowaCounty-CityParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1128. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:41:17 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1128

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /UtahStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Utah State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/UtahStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1129. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:43:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1129

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ArkansasStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Arkansas State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ArkansasStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1130. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:44:45 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1130

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /LouisianaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Louisiana State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/LouisianaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1131. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:45:23 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1131

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MinnesotaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Minnesota State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MinnesotaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1132. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:46:31 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1132

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NebraskaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Nebraska State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NebraskaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1133. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:47:08 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1133

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /OklahomaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Oklahoma State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/OklahomaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1134. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:47:46 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1134

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /NorthDakotaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : North Dakota State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/NorthDakotaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1135. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:48:20 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1135

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /SouthDakotaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : South Dakota State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/SouthDakotaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1136. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:49:03 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1136

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /WyomingStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Wyoming State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/WyomingStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1137. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 19:58:27 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1137

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /IndianaStateParks&Activation Info.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Indiana State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/IndianaStateParks%26Activation%20Info.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1138. Hiccups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 23:11:22 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1138 Message: 1138

Looks like yahoo had some hiccups.....

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

1139. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-06 23:45:50 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1138 Message: 1139

On Tue, 2011-09-06 at 19:11 -0400, Fred VE3FAL wrote:
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> Looks like yahoo had some hiccups.....
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Kyle's been a busy man! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete

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1140. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-07 11:47:34 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1138 Message: 1140

This morning I realized that I didn't have to let everyone know since all but UTAH was incomplete.

Kyle N4NSS

From: w1pns <w1pns@comcast.net>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 7:45 PM
>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups
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1141. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-07 12:08:52 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1138 Message: 1141

I'll be activating two state parks this weekend - Snow Canyon on Saturday and Sand Hollow on Sunday...expect to be out there, both days, around 1400Z so look for me. I'll start on 40 or 30 and then head to 20 as the morning moves along.

Jim R. K9JWV

To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: n4nss@yahoo.com
Date: Wed, 7 Sep 2011 04:47:34 -0700
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

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Kyle N4NSS

From: w1pns <w1pns@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 7:45 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

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1142. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-07 12:24:37 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 1138 Message: 1142

What mode and frequencies?

Steve, KD0ETC

--- On Wed, 9/7/11, James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@...> wrote:

From: James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@...>
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 7:08 AM

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From: n4nss@...
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Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

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Kyle N4NSS

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Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 7:45 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

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1143. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-07 12:42:06 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1138 Message: 1143

There's only one mode, Steve....CW - probably around 7030 or 10116 or 14061 or there abouts....

To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: kenwest821@yahoo.com
Date: Wed, 7 Sep 2011 05:24:37 -0700
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

What mode and frequencies?

Steve, KD0ETC

--- On Wed, 9/7/11, James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@msn.com> wrote:

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Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 7:08 AM

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To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: n4nss@...m
Date: Wed, 7 Sep 2011 04:47:34 -0700
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

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Kyle N4NSS

From: w1pns <w1pns@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2011 7:45 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

On Tue, 2011-09-06 at 19:11 -0400, Fred VE3FAL wrote:
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With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
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1144. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-07 12:46:40 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 1138 Message: 1144

good luck and have fun

Steve, KD0ETC

--- On Wed, 9/7/11, James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@...> wrote:

From: James Rodenkirch <rodenkirch_llc@msn.com>
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 7:42 AM

There's only one mode, Steve....CW - probably around 7030 or 10116 or 14061 or there abouts....

To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
From: kenwest821@...
Date: Wed, 7 Sep 2011 05:24:37 -0700
Subject: RE: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

What mode and frequencies?

Steve, KD0ETC

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To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 7:08 AM

I'll be activating two state parks this weekend - Snow Canyon on Saturday and Sand Hollow on Sunday...expect to be out there, both days, around 1400Z so look for me. I'll start on 40 or 30 and then head to 20 as the morning moves along.

Jim R. K9JWV

To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: n4nss@...
Date: Wed, 7 Sep 2011 04:47:34 -0700
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hiccups

This morning I realized that I didn't have to let everyone know since all but UTAH was incomplete.

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1145. Venezuela ready to participate!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-07 22:25:44 UTC
From: YY5DCV - Dario Carrera
Topic: 1145 Message: 1145

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Here are 2 links were you can find a little info on our Natl parks while I upload the Folder.

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73,

Dario Carrera

YY5DCV

FK60NL

PS - I have not forgotten about CPOTA, but one step at the time!!!

1146. >>>> FLASH!!! <<<

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 00:04:18 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1146 Message: 1146

WI0S Kiethe is now on 14.049 from Glacier National Park calling CQ go help him activate it!!! Just worked him 579 into NC great signal and good QSO!!!

73,
Randy_KB4QQJ

1147. Porcupine Mtn State Park MI

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 00:30:31 UTC
From: goldtr8@charter.net
Topic: 1147 Message: 1147
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1148. Re: [p_o_t_a_] >>>> FLASH!!! <<<

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 00:40:55 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 1146 Message: 1148

Yep, Kieth has a great signal into MA -- 579 here too. Just finished up with him...

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "kb4qqj" <KB4QQJ@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 8:04:18 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] >>>> FLASH!!! <<<<

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1149. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Porcupine Mtn State Park MI

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 00:47:52 UTC
From: Steve Balliette
Topic: 1147 Message: 1149

Don, I can listen for you tomorrow when I am out portable. What frequency and mode?
 Michigan is a short skip for me in Duluth. Can you do 40 meters? NVIS?

Steve, KD0ETC

--- On Wed, 9/7/11, goldtr8@... <goldtr8@...> wrote:

From: goldtr8@... <goldtr8@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Porcupine Mtn State Park MI
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 7:30 PM

I am camping at Porcupine Mtn State Park in MI.
I have already made a few contacts being nice to the county hunters as there is not a lot of ham activity up here in the UP.
I guess I could put the park on the air and get it a number but I am not sure exactly what needs to be done. I am here for a couple of days.
~73DonKD8NNU

1150. Goose Island State Park, Tx (Activation)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 00:49:53 UTC
From: goodyeardon
Topic: 1150 Message: 1150

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FREQ-14.2MHZ

23/10/10

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Hope this is sufficient to qualify the park. If not. let me know.

DON/KB5IQJ/P

1151. Re: [p_o_t_a_] >>>> FLASH!!! <<<

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 00:50:17 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1146 Message: 1151

Working nights and no radio in the truck, gosh darn....

Fred
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On Thu, 8 Sep 2011 00:40:55 +0000 (UTC)
w1pns@... wrote:

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W1PNS

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To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
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Randy_KB4QQJ

1152. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Venezuela ready to participate!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 02:43:38 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1145 Message: 1152

That's great Dario!
I look forward to making contacts to your different parks. The Diploma sounds like a nice addition. Keep us posted!

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/7/2011 6:26:13 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, yy5dcv@... writes:

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PS - I have not forgotten about CPOTA, but one step at the time!!!

1153. Re: [p_o_t_a_] >>>> FLASH!!! <<<

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 02:46:16 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1146 Message: 1153

Hey Fred, I looked/listened and called for you but alas, it was not to be.
:-(
Next time eh?

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/7/2011 8:50:21 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
ve3fal@... writes:

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From: "kb4qqj" <_KB4QQJ@..._ (mailto:KB4QQJ@...) >
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1154. Fred can you email me offlist?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 13:28:43 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 1154 Message: 1154

Fred can you email me offlist?

1155. Planned Activation Cape Cod National Seashore Sat Sep 10, K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 14:50:21 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1155 Message: 1155

Group -

I plan to activate Cape Cod National Seashore on Sat, Sep 10
from about 13:00 UCT for about 2 or 3 hours. I will attempt to work USB
near 14.260 MHz. I do note that at that time the WAE SSB contest will be
happening. If I am unable to work USB because of the contest, I will try
20 M RTTY and /or PSK31. Hope to work you.

K4KGG, Larry

1156. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Goose Island State Park, Tx (Activation)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 15:32:50 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1150 Message: 1156

Don,
I'll take care of this tonight.

Kyle N4NSS ------Licensed 1966
P.O.T.A. group , P.O.T.A. website,
GORC #126, NAQCC #2019, ARPorable,
SKCC #3595, FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
CW-QRP-Homebrewers, WARC-CC #567,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
 My site: http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/

 Enjoy LIFE - It has an EXPIRATION DATE!

From: goodyeardon <kb5iqj@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
>Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 8:49 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Goose Island State Park, Tx (Activation)
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>Hope this is sufficient to qualify the park. If not. let me know.
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>DON/KB5IQJ/P
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1157. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-08 16:20:22 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1157

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /Venezuela -Files and Documents/parquesnacionales.jpg
Uploaded by : darayo <yy5dcv@...>
Description : Map Indicating the geographical location of each National Park

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Venezuela%20-Files%20and%20Documents/parquesnacionales.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

darayo <yy5dcv@...>

1158. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Goose Island State Park, Tx (Activation)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-09 14:50:28 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1150 Message: 1158

Files Done...Thanks!

Kyle N4NSS !

From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@yahoo.com>
>To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
>Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2011 11:32 AM
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1159. 2011 ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-12 10:21:38 UTC
From: GregCT
Topic: 1159 Message: 1159

Turned out to be a nice day for a VHF Contest...activated the Dennis Hill State Park in Norfolk CT no 6m openings, but it seemed there for a little while that a Tropo-duct was trying to form up on 2. Couple of 100 mile + contacts on 432 and two new grids I don't recall ever working before on 6 & 2 - FN10 & FM29. Will send in the logs as soon as I transfer the 5 pages of notebook logs to xl log sheets.

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Greg
N1KPW

1160. Re: [p_o_t_a_] 2011 ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-12 12:49:16 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1159 Message: 1160

Great work Greg and well done. Keep up the good work and good luck with the final tally.

Fred
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On Mon, 12 Sep 2011 10:21:38 -0000
"GregCT" <n1kpw@...> wrote:
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1161. Successful Activation Cape Cod National Seashore Sep 10, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-13 20:21:32 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 1012 Message: 1161

I successfully activated the Cape Cod National Seashore from the Marconi Station Site near South Wellfleet, MA on Sep 10, 2011. This is the location from which Marconi organized the first transatlantic wireless communication between the US and England. Messages were exchanged by President Theodore Roosevelt and King Edward VII. This was the site of Marconi's first North American station, but the antenna system blew down and he actually made the first successful transatlantic wireless transmissions from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. The history is fascinating.
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K4KGG, Larry

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15:46 VE4BG 56 57 Boris Winnepeg, MB 14205.5

1162. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful Activation Cape Cod National Seashore Sep 10, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-13 20:40:18 UTC
From: Edwin Rivera (YV5HUJ)
Topic: 1012 Message: 1162

Excellent job Larry, did you take some pictures of the park? I mean pictures of the location and also of your station setup?

73,

Edwin - YV5HUJ
yv5huj.org

>_____
>De: llibsch <llibsch@...>
>Para: p_o_t_a_@...
>Enviado: Martes, septiembre 13, 2011 3:51 P.M.
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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-13 23:53:57 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1012 Message: 1163

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Nicely done, Larry. Mr. M would have been pleased! ;-)

With best regards,

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QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

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-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1164. Re: Successful Activation Cape Cod National Seashore Sep 10, 2011 K4

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-14 12:28:17 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1164 Message: 1164

Edwin, Pete, All -

I have photos. As soon as possible I will organize them and create an album for them "Cape Cod Nat Seashore " on the photos section of the POTA website.

The Marconi story is fascinating. Only a small part of it is told here on Cape Cod. The first transatlantic wireless successes were from Canada to England. Marconi's claim of successful receipt of the letter S from England was regarded with skepticism by many. Following this claim, Newfoundland asked Marconi to leave. Perhaps this was because his wireless was seen as potential competition for the transatlantic telegraphic cable that had one end in Newfoundland. The first transatlantic exchange was from Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. There is a terrific museum there. For me, this was the most important first. The site in Cape Cod had the first transatlantic exchange of signals from the US to England. It occurred after the Nova Scotia success. There's lots more to the story. Wikipedia has an excellent summary and there are a number of good books.

K4KGG, Larry

1165. Successful P.O.T.A. activation of Glacier National Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-15 01:00:27 UTC
From: Kieth
Topic: 1165 Message: 1165

Reporting a successful P.O.T.A. activation of Glacier National Park, details below along with station log.

73, Kieth wi0s

WI0S/7 Glacier National Park POTA Log

DN38gs St. Mary Campground, Glacier NP, Near St. Mary,MT

Operated by Kieth Cook, WI0S with help from XYL and Station Manager Karen, KD0ARC

Rig: Icom IC735

Antenna: 65' EFW @ 10 to 15 feet in low Aspen trees.

September 5, 2011 through September 8, 2011

16 awesome QSO's

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K6JF 9/08/2011 20 CW 25 00:25 599 599 USA CA Jim 4261T

W1PNS 9/08/2011 20 CW 25 00:37 559 579 USA MA Pete 4853T

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Kieth Cook
4559 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

1166. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Successful P.O.T.A. activation of Glacier National Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-15 04:33:51 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1165 Message: 1166

Great to work you Kieth!
Thanks for a nice chat. I enjoyed it.

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/14/2011 9:00:32 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
kiethcook.wi0s@... writes:

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1167. Ped Mobile operation today

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-15 14:13:21 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1167 Message: 1167

Hello all.....since the Sun God is looking favorable today, with a forecast of 140/6/1, I think I will don my new FT-817 and new Alice pack arrangement and head for the Santa Fe Trail system here in Central Calif. 1630utc =14.061 +/- with DigKey for first time...my fist will be worse than normal. 1730utc=14.3425 SSB +/- QRM. I may even attempt 17M at 18.1575 depending on conditions.

Dont think the trail qualifies for a P.O.T.A. activation, but is so much quieter than the park where I normally go.

John W6ZKH/pm

1168. I'm Back

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-15 15:15:48 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1168 Message: 1168

Just to let everyone know, I was in training for the past three days. I had little time to check emails.
For those who completed activations...Great work and I will process them soon.

N4NSS Kyle

1169. Denzel Festival at the Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-15 15:18:24 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1169 Message: 1169

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73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

1170. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Denzel Festival at the Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-15 15:57:48 UTC
From: nagel.david@sbcglobal.net
Topic: 1169 Message: 1170

A comment on locations. It was possible to locate the "Denzel Festival at the Park" by going to the ARRL Events page but usually the parks discussed on this list have no City/County/State indication. If the State could be mentioned somewhere in the report it would be helpful to understand where we are coming from/going to.

Thanks
Dave W2OVP

--- On Thu, 9/15/11, kb4qqj <KB4QQJ@...> wrote:

From: kb4qqj <KB4QQJ@...>
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Denzel Festival at the Park Activation
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2011, 10:18 AM

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73 for now,

Randy_KB4QQJ

1171. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Denzel Festival at the Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-16 02:08:08 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1169 Message: 1171

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1172. Photos Uploaded Cape Cod Natl Seashore Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-16 12:03:29 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1172 Message: 1172

All -

Photos uploaded to Album, "Cape Cod Natl Seashore."

73,
K4KGG, Larry

1173. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-16 13:55:54 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1173

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MontanaStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Montana State Parks & Activation Info

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MontanaStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1174. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-16 18:30:15 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1174

Hello,

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a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

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Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Massachusetts State Parks & Activation Info

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ls

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1175. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-16 19:31:02 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1175

Hello,

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Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : Alabama State Parks & Activation Info

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1176. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Denzel Festival at the Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-17 01:43:35 UTC
From: Mark Kelner
Topic: 1169 Message: 1176

Hi Randy,
  Our Club, K8CY, Is also doing an outing Sat. Starting App. 1600Z. Mainly NVIS for ENCOMM use.
Bob,WD8PVB posted our outing a while back.
I am also doing some of the "Afeild Test"under my call, WG8Y. We'll be around the QRP & HFPack Freqs.
 I'll look for you around 7.110. Good test for the End fed I've been playing with.
We'll also be in the Ashtabula Metro Parks system.Will also be new activation here.
   Good luck,
    Mark WG8Y

From: "KB4QQJ@..." <KB4QQJ@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 10:08 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Denzel Festival at the Park Activation

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1177. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Denzel Festival at the Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-17 02:11:07 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1169 Message: 1177

That's Great Mark!
I'll keep an ear out for you and your club call. I'll be me, of course, KB4QQJ and the club call will be K4EG. If you have text ability feel free to text me a freq and I'll make it a point to meet you there. (336-264-2376) Anytime, any event. Good luck and Good Weather!

Randy-KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/16/2011 9:43:39 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, markwg8y@... writes:

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From: "KB4QQJ@aol.com" <KB4QQJ@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 10:08 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Denzel Festival at the Park Activation

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1178. Uploaded Photo's Glacier NP Activation (Album GNP)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-18 03:14:04 UTC
From: Kieth
Topic: 1178 Message: 1178

Just uploaded some pix of this great park, enjoy and tnx to all I had a chance to work. 73
Kieth wi0s

1179. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-18 17:37:47 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1179

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Description : Activated Parks by State-Province-Countries

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1180. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-18 17:38:11 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1180

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Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1181. Next weekend park activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-18 21:10:37 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1181 Message: 1181

Hello all, I plan to activate San Luis State Park in Southern Colorado next weekend (evening of the 23rd and all day the 24th into the morning of the 25th).

I will be on the usual QRP fregs on 20 and 40 meters (I did not check to see if there is a contest next weekend but if there is I tend to favor 30 and 17 meters. Rig will be an Elecraft K1 and K2 to a Buddipole (vertical and dipole configuration).

I tried to activate this park last winter but it was closed for the season so I need to get out there this month. Our camping season starts about now and goes until everyone starts showing up again.

I will not have Internet or email so if someone hears me and wants to put me on the QRP Spot web site that would be fantastic. As always I will try and do a little writeup of my adventure for posting here along with pictures.

72
Frank
K0JQZ

1182. What a great Saturday to spend sending code from the banks of the Piscataqua River

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-18 22:21:27 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1182 Message: 1182

http://w1pns.wordpress.com/2011/09/18/chowdercon-qrp-afield-and-a-150-fly-away-kite/

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
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1183. Re: What a great Saturday to spend sending code from the banks of the Pi

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-19 12:13:34 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1183 Message: 1183

Pete -

Great report and photos. Looks like a great time and a great group.

K4KGG Larry

1184. Newbie: Activating some Maryland Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-20 19:24:27 UTC
From: Ron
Topic: 1184 Message: 1184

I have a couple parks very close to home that I would like to see about activating. From what I've been able to see here, there are two very close by that have not been activated:
Maryland State Park: Patapsco Valley State Park
Howard County, Maryland: Centennial Lake Park

I could fairly easily visit either, set up my FT-817 or KX-1 and try some contacts. From what I can see, all I need to do is setup in the park and make at least 5 contacts. Right ?

A few questions for the newcomer:
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73 to all,
Ron, AC2C
Ellicott City, Maryland

1185. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Newbie: Activating some Maryland Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-20 19:48:43 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 1184 Message: 1185

Hi Ron,

A couple of days in advance should be fine. If you have a link to the parks' websites, that would be cool to see. And don't forget to post to QRP-L and even the SKCC list. If I remember correctly, the ARRL has a new QRP-related upcoming-events site that allows members to post pending activities there. I'll try to track down the URL.

Logs should go to N4NSS, n4nss@....

Exchanges? The basics: RST, S/P/C, name, qth, then you're free to conduct any rag-chewing you'd care to after that.

No requirement to mention POTA in an exchange, although I've tended to thank the op at some point in the QSO for helping to activate a park for POTA. A bit of Madison Avenue there. Also you might want to add POTA to your CQs on occasion.

And you can spot yourself on sites like the SKCC's or on QRPSPOTS.com during the activations; that helps to draw contacts as well.

Sounds like a good time will be had by all!

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Ron" <AC2C@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 3:24:27 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Newbie: Activating some Maryland Parks

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1186. Re: Newbie: Activating some Maryland Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-20 20:13:57 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1184 Message: 1186

Hi Ron, Pete is dead on, there is also a FAQ doc in the file section that answers a lot of your questions. I posted my next activation on the calendar (I hope that was ok) and hope I have it setup to send out a reminder 1 day out....

I do not normally have access to the Internet when in a state park camping so I rely on other people to spot me if they want. I also added a blurb in my QRZ listing to mention where I am and what county I am in. I need to fix it and put something about P.O.T.A. on there to explain it better. The more the word gets out the better.

Both of those parks are nice, I lived in Columbia MD for a few years (96 till 99) while stationed at Ft Meade.

I hope you have fun and I hope I get to have a QSO with you.

Good Luck

Frank
K0JQZ

1187. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Newbie: Activating some Maryland Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-20 21:01:29 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1184 Message: 1187

If it is going to be an extended visit or if you know far enough in advance
I post it on the Event Calendar
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl (http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl)
Short notice is better served on the POTA Group calendar. The reminders are
a good thing too. I'll make a point to find you.

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 9/20/2011 3:24:33 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
AC2C@... writes:

>> Do I need to or should I announce my operation and intent to activate
the park and, if so, how and when (how far in advance) do I announce ?

1188. Thomas Stone National Historic Site/Park activation - Oct 15th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-21 09:52:12 UTC
From: Robert Davidson
Topic: 1188 Message: 1188

Hello All,
A few of us plan on activating the Thomas Stone National Historic Site/Park in Charles County, MD, on Oct 15th as a combined JOTA/POTA activity. Times should be between 1330Z - 2030Z (9:30 am - 4:30 pm EST).

We should be operating under the call K2BSA/3 and will have SSB and will try to have some digital modes available. I'll bring along the CW key for those willing to listen to my slow code.

If for some reason the Park changes their mind about allowing us to operate there, I'll send out an updated announcement.

73
Bob
KB3KOW

1189. San Luis Park Activation, 9/24/2011, 12:00 am

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-23 04:56:47 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 1189 Message: 1189

Reminder from: p_o_t_a_ Yahoo! Group
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/cal

San Luis Park Activation
Saturday September 24, 2011
All Day
(This event repeats every day until Sunday September 25, 2011.)
Location: San Luis State Park, Southern Colorado (Alamosa County)

Notes:
K0JQZ using a K1 and K2 to a Buddipole in vertical and dipole configuration. All return QSLs will be answered.

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1190. Re: Newbie: Activating some Maryland Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-23 17:31:07 UTC
From: Ron
Topic: 1184 Message: 1190

Thanks to all for the information - I think it's all fairly clear to me now.

All I need to do now is set a schedule, post it, and go do my first park.

73, Ron
AC2C

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., KB4QQJ@... wrote:
>
> If it is going to be an extended visit or if you know far enough in advance
> I post it on the Event Calendar
> _http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl_ (http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl)
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> a good thing too. I'll make a point to find you.
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> 73 for now,
> Randy_KB4QQJ
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> >> Do I need to or should I announce my operation and intent to activate
> the park and, if so, how and when (how far in advance) do I announce ?
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1191. Upcoming QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-23 17:48:19 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1191 Message: 1191

G'day all: The Fall QSO Party, hosted by QRP ARCI, is just around the corner - from 1200Z 15 October till 2400Z 16 October.

A great QRP contest with plenty of categories to choose from.....more info will be provided by the latter part of next week (contest info will be provided at the QRP ARCI website as well) but I wanted all to know this contest is almost upon us so get those antennas retuned, if necessary, check those radial connections and blow the dust out of those rigs, if necessary!

Participation, on average, runs around 100 stations or so --- gosh, with 14,000 plus QRP ARCI membership numbers and, assuming 50% are truly active at times over the course of a calendar year, it would seem like the number of entries could be higher than that.......give some consideration to participating as it's a fun event and earning a certificate for the category of interest is always worth sumpin' PLUS the certificates look awfully nice.

72, de Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

1192. San Luis Park Activation, 9/25/2011, 12:00 am

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-24 04:56:57 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 1192 Message: 1192

Reminder from: p_o_t_a_ Yahoo! Group
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/cal

San Luis Park Activation
Sunday September 25, 2011
All Day
(This event repeats every day until Sunday September 25, 2011.)
Location: San Luis State Park, Southern Colorado (Alamosa County)

Notes:
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1193. Upcoming QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party announcement at the QRP ARCI web site

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-24 12:14:17 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1193 Message: 1193

Steve, G4GXL, has the announcement and "rules" for the upcoming QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party posted at the ARCI's web site so you can go here to find it posted 'above the fold': http://www.qrparci.org

Hoping to hear the "regulars" as well new entrants - for those of you who enjoy contesting with lots of categories to choose from, this is a relaxed contest to start getting "tuned up, personally" for the onslaught of contesting events that occur during the fall and winter season!

A reminder that the next ARCI contest will be the 160 meter sprint - just before the ARRL 160 event on 1 December - another great way to get "tuned up, personally" as well as check the gear out, albeit a reduced power levels, in preparation for the 160 meter contest 'season.' It's a six hour event which works well for a casual yet rewarding contest to be engaged in.

For those of you who have thought about 160 meters but never could take the plunge for an antenna 'cuz of the HUGE space requirements, I used a shortened 160 meter antenna in the past two years for the ARRLl and CQ 160 meter contests as a QRP entry and did quite well (200+ QSOs the first year, 150 or so in the second year). Go here for the details: http://www.iw5edi.com/ham-radio/?a-160-meter-antenna-for-small-lot,105 EASY antenna to assemble -- never needed a tuner....put it together, glued the wires at strategic points on the PVC form to keep it all from unraveling, made a stand for it, added about 5 or 6 radials of 50 to 100 feet, hooked up my old ICOM 735 and keyed down....1.3 to 1 SWR on the external SWR meter....life is GOOD! It was a portable sort of antenna system - put it up and ran the radials for the contests - but it was FUN to finally get on 160 and have fun during the contests....now have a 43 foot vertical and 160 meter loading coil so I'm all excited about our (the QRP ARCI) event.

See you on the bands and during the contests, hopefully! 72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

1194. [p_o_t_a_] Porcupine Mtn State Park MI

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-24 13:19:51 UTC
From: goldtr8@charter.net
Topic: 1147 Message: 1194
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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1195. Do More With Less

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-24 19:07:31 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1195 Message: 1195

Do More With Less
Posted: 22 Sep 2011 05:19 PM PDT
Is the title of this blog. Of course, as a QRPer, I am referring to operating using low power - 5 Watts or less. For the non-believers (and sorry, I don't mean to make this sound like a religion - perhaps skeptics would have been a better w...
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SKCC #3595, FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
CW-QRP-Homebrewers, WARC-CC #567,
 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N

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1196. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Porcupine Mtn State Park MI

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-24 20:11:10 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1147 Message: 1196

My bad.....

It seems that there are two other people who have the Michigan files....Now I need one or both to come fowrward and let me know if they are going to be the "Keeper " of the Michigan park file....if not then I will have to create a new file and take over.

Kyle N4NSS

From: "goldtr8@..." <goldtr8@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2011 9:19 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Porcupine Mtn State Park MI
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>
>Dear Group,
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>
>I finally put the the activation Information for Porcupine MTn State Park MI, together.
>
>It was sent to Kyle yesterday.
>
>
>DATE CALLSIGN R S UTC BAND
>
>9-5-11 N4AAT 55 55 18:25 20M
>9-7-11 N4WAF 55 55 19:18 20M
>9-7-11 K5WAF 55 55 19:19 20M
>9-7-11 W7IN 55 22 19:20 20M
>9-7-11 W7KOZ 55 33 19:21 20M
>9-8-11 W6UX/P 57 57 23:08 20M
>9-8-11 KI4SVQ 59 59 23:14 20M
>9-8-11 K8RQX 59 59 23:21 20M
>9-8-11 WA0VTO 59 58 23:26 20M
>
>
>I have many more contacts on different dates and bands for this park. Next year I will have to camp somewhere else.
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>
>~73
>Don
>KD8NNU
>
>

>Kyle N4NSS
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>
>From: "goldtr8@..." <goldtr8@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2011 8:30 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Porcupine Mtn State Park MI
>
> I am camping at Porcupine Mtn State Park in MI.
>
>I have already made a few contacts being nice to the county hunters as there is not a lot of ham activity up here in the UP.
>
>I guess I could put the park on the air and get it a number but I am not sure exactly what needs to be done.   I am here for a couple of days.
>
>~73
>Don
>KD8NNU
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1197. Lawn Chairs at 30 feet?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-25 16:46:47 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1197 Message: 1197

There is a group of hams that meet every Thursday morning at the Red Mountain Park in East Mesa AZ.

Would you believe pizza pan antennas and lawn chairs at 30 feet?

It was written up in a recent CQ magazine.

Another parks on the air Yahoo group is ARPOG based in Tucson AZ.

As for me, I do HAM TV.

Bil Munsil
K1ATV HAM TV
Mesa AZ
Hams should be seen as well as heard.

PS - And yes, I have operated HAM TV from parks in the past.

1198. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-25 20:29:07 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1198

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /San Luis State Park Activation.docx
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : San Luis State Park, Colorado, Activation by K0JQZ

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/San%20Luis%20State%20Park%20Activation.doc
x

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1199. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Lawn Chairs at 30 feet?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-25 20:36:08 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1197 Message: 1199

On Sun, 25 Sep 2011 16:46:47 -0000
"ars_k1atv" <wmunsil@...> wrote:

> There is a group of hams that meet every Thursday morning at the Red
> Mountain Park in East Mesa AZ.
>
> Would you believe pizza pan antennas and lawn chairs at 30 feet?

Any band, any mode, any time! ;-)

Welcome aboard...

With best regards,

Pete

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1200. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-25 22:47:17 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1200

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /San Luis State Park Activation CORRCTED COPY.docx
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : San Luis State Park, Colorado, Activation by K0JQZ (CORRECTED COPY)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/San%20Luis%20State%20Park%20Activation%20C
ORRCTED%20COPY.docx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1201. Planned Activation Shenandoah Nat Park Sep 27,28 or 29, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-26 13:34:30 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 5 Message: 1201

Group -

I hope to activate Shenandoah National Park Sep 27, 28 or 29. I will operate as close as possible to 14.260 MHz. I will operate when I find an acceptable location and acceptable weather, but probably 1300 to 1500 Z and/or 1900 to 2200 Z. Reports are that there is no cell or internet service in the park, so I will be unable to refine the date and time.

K4KGG, Larry

1202. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-26 16:18:36 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1202

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /CQ article.pdf
Uploaded by : ars_k1atv <wmunsil@...>
Description : Thursdays at Red Mountain Park, Mesa AZ

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CQ%20article.pdf

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http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

ars_k1atv <wmunsil@...>

1203. ARPOG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-26 16:48:18 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1203 Message: 1203

Here's another amateurs in a park group - out of Tucson AZ:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARPortable/

Bil

1204. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-26 19:15:16 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 1204

Now I've seen everything!!!

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 Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N

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From: "p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca" <p_o_t_a_@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 12:18 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
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>Hello,
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>This email message is a notification to let you know that
>a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
>group.
>
>File : /CQ article.pdf
>Uploaded by : ars_k1atv <wmunsil@cox.net>
>Description : Thursdays at Red Mountain Park, Mesa AZ
>
>You can access this file at the URL:
>http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CQ%20article.pdf
>
>To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
>http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files
>
>Regards,
>
>ars_k1atv <wmunsil@...>
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1205. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ARPOG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-26 19:33:45 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1203 Message: 1205

On Mon, 26 Sep 2011 16:48:18 -0000
"ars_k1atv" <wmunsil@...> wrote:

> Here's another amateurs in a park group - out of Tucson AZ:
>
> http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARPortable/
>
>
> Bil
>

Thanks, I'll add that to our links...

With best regards,

Pete

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1206. Activation/ Event reminder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 07:18:10 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1206 Message: 1206

Hello the Group,

Just a reminder I'll be operating from Pilot Mt State Park (USNC004) this weekend. I will also be attempting to activate a new park at Guilford Courthouse National Military Park http://www.nps.gov/guco/index.htm

I will be operating in the "CW Fun" event. If you haven't registered for that event, the registration window is still open. It is a fun event. Give it a go. http://cwfun.org/
I'll be posting frequencies on QRPSPOTS.COM
This is an EVENT to test or improve your cw skills and have a blast doing it. The event starts October 1 and runs for 48 hours. The event will measure your ability to accurately send and receive Morse code on amateur radio frequencies using traditional sending/receiving methods.

All amateur operators are welcome and encouraged to participate at the speed and level you wish. You can play by sending, receiving or BOTH!.
If you have any questions, drop me an email. It's not nearly as complicated as it sounds. But it will test your skills..... ;-)

The registration window is open. http://cwfun.org/

Randy_KB4QQJ

1207. Cancel Planned Activation Shenandoah Nat Park Sep 27,28 or 29, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 12:23:07 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 5 Message: 1207

Group -

Weather forecast has high rain probability for the next few days for Shenandoah National Park area. Radio, camping, hiking and touring mountain roads aren't much fun in the rain. Hope to try a visit to the Shenandoah NP another year.

K4KGG, Larry

1208. Cancel Planned Activation Shenandoah Nat Park Sep 27,28 or 29, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 12:34:46 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 5 Message: 1208

Group -

Weather forecast has high rain probability for the next few days for Shenandoah National Park area. Radio, camping, hiking and touring mountain roads aren't much fun in the rain. Hope to try a visit to the Shenandoah NP another year.

K4KGG, Larry

1209. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Cancel Planned Activation Shenandoah Nat Park Sep 27,28 or 29, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 12:50:59 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 1209

Larry,
It's just good cozy time in the camper.....

Kyle N4NSS

From: llibsch <llibsch@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 8:34 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Cancel Planned Activation Shenandoah Nat Park Sep 27,28 or 29, 2011 K4KGG
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>
>Group -
>
>Weather forecast has high rain probability for the next few days for Shenandoah National Park area. Radio, camping, hiking and touring mountain roads aren't much fun in the rain. Hope to try a visit to the Shenandoah NP another year.
>
>K4KGG, Larry
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1210. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Cancel Planned Activation Shenandoah Nat Park Sep 27,28 or 29, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 13:15:24 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 5 Message: 1210

On Tue, 27 Sep 2011 12:34:46 -0000
"llibsch" <llibsch@...> wrote:

> Group -
>
> Weather forecast has high rain probability for the next few days
> for Shenandoah National Park area. Radio, camping, hiking and touring
> mountain roads aren't much fun in the rain. Hope to try a visit to
> the Shenandoah NP another year.
>
> K4KGG, Larry
>

Thanks for the heads-up, Larry. Keep the gear handy in case NOAA says
at the last minute: Oops, that forecast was for Biloxi! ;-)

With best regards,

Pete

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1211. Planned Activation: Live Oak Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 14:10:28 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1211 Message: 1211

I am planning to operate from Live Oak Park, Tulare, CA this day starting at 1600 utc . For 20M I will be trying out my new EF-20 EFZepp around 14.061 +/- QRM. Later I will be changing bands according to propagation.

Time: 1600 utc
Freq (CW): 14.061, 18.096, 21.060, 24.906, 28.060 all +/- QRM
Freq (SSB) 14.3425, 18.1575, 21.380, 24.980, 28.380 +/- QRM

Radio: Yaesu FT-817ND 5 watts
Ant: EF-20 EndFedZepp; MFJ Manual Screwdriver on tripod for other bands.

Hearing 20M activity now at 1400 utc on .061, so hopefully the bands will cooperate today, even though the numbers dont look that good in the forecast.

John W6ZKH

1212. Planned Activation - Hard Labor Creek SP, Georgia

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 17:00:05 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1212 Message: 1212

I intend to operate from Hard Labor Creek SP, in Morgan County, Georgia this coming weekend, Sept 30 - Oct 2. My plan is to arrive and setup late on Friday evening and predominately work PSK31 and RTTY into the night. Look for me on the digital frequencies on whatever bands are open (20/30/40).

Saturday I will be on 20M - 10M PSK31 during the day and again adjusting bands Saturday night as necessary. If this past weekend's CQ WW RTTY contest is any indication, conditions should be good.

I'll work SSB or CW (bear with me) by request if anyone wants to setup a schedule, but my primary interest will be to run digital. I'll email you my cellphone number if you want a schedule. All contacts will be 100% LoTW confirmed, and I can paper QSL if needed.

This would be the third Georgia park to be activated.

Thanks & 73,

Kos, N4NIA

1213. New Member: Introduction

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 19:50:11 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1213 Message: 1213

I was just made aware of this group and joined yesterday. Wanted to say hello to the group.

I am pretty new to HAM and just started out in June after finding out about the SOTA program. Since my QTH is in Colorado, SOTA fits my bill perfectly. Rocky Mountain National Park is also in my backyard and I did two SOTA activations in RMNP so far. Hopefully more to come. If you are interested in my RMNP SOTA activation, take a look at my trip-report and/or video on Youtube.

Trip report (incl. video): http://www.schnizer.com/SOTAblog/?p=463
Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-K1YZeKOido

Looking forward to all the interactions in this group and on the air.

73, Matt / KØMOS

1215. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Member: Introduction

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 20:05:44 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1213 Message: 1215

Good to have you aboard Matt. This is a growing group with activities abound...just look at the States and their many parks.
I have been watching your SOTA videos with amazement of all the beauty in Colorado.
73,

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SKCC #3595, FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
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From: dudelsack55 <groups@...>
>To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
>Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 3:50 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New Member: Introduction
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>I was just made aware of this group and joined yesterday. Wanted to say hello to the group.
>
>I am pretty new to HAM and just started out in June after finding out about the SOTA program. Since my QTH is in Colorado, SOTA fits my bill perfectly. Rocky Mountain National Park is also in my backyard and I did two SOTA activations in RMNP so far. Hopefully more to come. If you are interested in my RMNP SOTA activation, take a look at my trip-report and/or video on Youtube.
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>Trip report (incl. video): http://www.schnizer.com/SOTAblog/?p=463
>Video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-K1YZeKOido
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>Looking forward to all the interactions in this group and on the air.
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>73, Matt / KØMOS
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1216. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Live Oak Park activation report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 20:17:45 UTC
From: Alex K.
Topic: 1216 Message: 1216

John,
     I used to hear you loud and clear here in the Dallas Area, are you not using your L for pm anylonger? I sit here in my Home Office with the 703 parked on 14061 but it has actually been

 D E A D the last few days. I haven't much of anything, not even the SOTA folks. Well I never hear any of them at anytime.
 Alex Kaplinsky, K5UNY
Farmers Branch, Tx 75234

From: John Neeley <C>
To: GORC@...; p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tue, September 27, 2011 3:04:07 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Live Oak Park activation report

This activation actually took 2 days to complete, 9/24 and 9/27.

[img]http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/S6300311.jpg[/img]

Live Oak Park is a Tulare (CA) city park, which use to be a Sand Pit that I use to play in when awhole lot younger. It is now a normal park, with Baseball diamonds, Tennis courts, picnic tables, etc.

On both days, I arrived about 1600 utc and setup. The 24th, I was using the FT-817 and Hamstick Dipole arrangement on 20M and a Hamstick "L" configuration for 17M. Since it was a Saturday morning, I beat the crowd, but soon people started arriving for a High School Baseball game (winter ball), and as folks would walk by my position at a picnic table; seeing the Hamstick contraption, they were curious and would ask about what it was; what was I doing, etc. This is the first time I've ever had anyone ask while out doing portable work, so gave them a quick rundown and they were amazed that Morse Code was still being used.

[img]http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/S6300302.jpg[/img]

Today, I arrived and put up the Par EF-20 EFHW antenna between 2 trees. Using the FT-817 again, it tuned up nicely, no trimming needed. It was only about 12-20 ft up in the air, sloping somewhat to the Northeast.

[img]http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/S6300306.jpg[/img]

After being on 20M for an hour with mixed results, I put up the MFJ Manual Screwdriver ontop of the Painters Pole, and then used 4 radials made from measuring tape. Even though I could hear signals on 17, 15 and 10 meters, I couldnt raise anyone. After 30 minutes of trying, I broke down the station and QRT'd at 1800 utc.

[img]http://i863.photobucket.com/albums/ab199/W6ZKHJOHN/S6300309.jpg[/img]

Here is my list of stations worked for the requirements for activation of the park:

Date	Time	Callsign	S	R	Name	State	Mode
9/24/11	1609	KF7QGA	579/559	Wayne	AZ	CW	20M
9/24/11	1635	N5ANF	57 /56	Gary	CO	SSB	17M
9/27/11	1553	W0RW	559/559	Paul	CO	CW	20M
9/27/11	1605	AB8O/7	579/579	John	OR	CW	20M
9/27/11	1635	NOVK	589/449	Novak	CO	CW	20M
9/27/11	1650	W2NQ	59/58	John	OR	SSB	20M
9/27/11	1738	N7EQO	599/559	Dave	WA	CW	20M

Thanks to all the stations worked and those who tried to listen for me.

John W6ZKH

1217. .xls to .pdf .doc ...FYI

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-27 22:33:07 UTC
From: w7cjd
Topic: 1217 Message: 1217

The files in the Files section are .xls

http://www.zamzar.com/ will convert .xls to .pdf .doc ...etcetera.

I downloaded the file to my Desktop. I uploaded the file to zamzar.

The converted file is sent to your email.

Connie W7CJD

1218. Re: [p_o_t_a_] .xls to .pdf .doc ...FYI

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-28 00:00:46 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1217 Message: 1218

On Tue, 27 Sep 2011 22:33:07 -0000
"w7cjd" <w7cjd@...> wrote:

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> http://www.zamzar.com/ will convert .xls to .pdf .doc ...etcetera.
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> I downloaded the file to my Desktop. I uploaded the file to zamzar.
>
> The converted file is sent to your email.
>
>
> Connie W7CJD
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>

Thanks for that, Connie. Another approach: Install OpenOffice.org. It's
a free office suite that reads and writes to MS files, and converts
files to PDF.

With best regards,

Pete

--
Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1219. Planned Activation Great Smoky Nat Park Sep 29, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-28 13:11:36 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 5 Message: 1219

Group -

I plan to activate Great Smoky Nat Park Thur Sep 29. I will operate USB as close as possible to 14.260 MHz from about 1230Z to 1500Z. If necessary, I will also operate from 1900Z to 2200Z. Rain date is Fri Sep 29, same times and frequency.

Kyle, Pete, Thanks for your mails on cancellation planned activation Shenandoah NP. I decided to travel in the rain near Shenandoah NP in VA to get to the sun at Elkmont campground in Great Smokey NP near Gatlinburg, TN. Good weather forecast for tomorrow.

Hope to work you tomorrow.

K4KGG, Larry

1220. Re: New Member: Introduction

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-29 20:16:16 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1213 Message: 1220

Thanks Kyle... it's indeed beautiful here in Colorado.

Matt / KØMOS

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...> wrote:
>
> Good to have you aboard Matt.Â This is a growing group with activities abound...just look at the States and their many parks.
> I have been watching your SOTA videos with amazement of all the beauty in Colorado.
> 73,
>
> Kyle N4NSS ------Licensed 1966Â Â
> P.O.T.A. groupÂ , P.O.T.A. website,
> GORC #126,Â NAQCC #2019, ARPorable,
> SKCC #3595,Â FPQRP #1766, PB #117,
> CW-QRP-Homebrewers, WARC-CC #567,
> Â Grid: EL87qu -82.645956W 27.848260N
> Â Â
> Â Enjoy LIFEÂ - ItÂ hasÂ an EXPIRATION DATE!
> Â
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1221. Unable to Update files.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-30 12:59:37 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1221 Message: 1221

At this time for some unknown reason I'm unable to update files to this group.

N4NSS Kyle

1222. Activation Notice: Blaine City Park, Tulare, CA (late notice)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-30 14:05:47 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1222 Message: 1222

Sorry for the late notice. I will be out in a local city park today playing radio...better than watching boob toob... Propagation SFI up, but still will give it a shot.

Time: 1700 utc
Freq: 7.031, 14.061, 18.096 CW
14.3425, 18.1575 USB
Radio: FT-817 @ 5w
Ant's: EFHW 20M, Hamstick dipoles for 40 and 17M

WX: 70's and clear

Hope to work folks to activate this park for POTA [5 Q's needed]. Will be listening for NS7P on 40CW for SOTA contact also.

John W6ZKH

1223. Blain Park, Tulare, CA report 9/30/11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-30 20:08:44 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1223 Message: 1223

Here is the report for todays activity in Blain Park, Tulare,CA.

9/24/11
1645 K7ZS 14.340 SSB 59/57 Kevin OR [CA/HI net]
1652 W0RW 14.061 CW 589/599 Paul CO
1704 WG0AT 14.061 CW 589/579 Steve CO
1720 N4EX/P 14.063 CW 219/229 Rich NC
1728 W5GHZ 14.060 CW 559/419 Harold OK
1736 AA7CU 14.060 CW 599/559 Al NM

Radio: Yaesu FT-817 @ 5W
Ant: LnR EF-20 EFHW @ 10 ft [AZ W>E]
WX: Sunny w/ +70 deg temps, slight breeze

Conditions were greatly improved over the past several days, even though still no perfect. Had one family that visited me, curious as to what heck I was doing..

John W6ZKH/p

1224. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-30 22:17:35 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1224

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /MissouriStateParks&ActivationInfo.xls
Uploaded by : n4nss <n4nss@...>
Description : MissouriStateParks&ActivationInfo

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/MissouriStateParks%26ActivationInfo.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

n4nss <n4nss@...>

1225. I'm going to Wisconsin

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-30 22:24:32 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1225 Message: 1225

I'm going to Wisconsin Monday thru Friday to see my Mom who is 87 and has a bad heart.

With my work schedule and a busted computer I will have some problems getting any postings up to date.

If I have a chance I will try to activate a State park. Taking a KX1 and BuddiStick.

Kyle N4NSS

1226. Re: [p_o_t_a_] I'm going to Wisconsin

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-30 22:38:55 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1225 Message: 1226

Dont worry about us Kyle, take care of mom..... let us know if you do get to a park.

John W6ZKH

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From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Fri, September 30, 2011 3:24:32 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] I'm going to Wisconsin

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Kyle N4NSS

1227. Re: I'm going to Wisconsin

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-09-30 22:57:56 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1225 Message: 1227

Kyle, if you want me to update the Colorado spreadsheet or any other spreadsheet just give me the word. Family always comes first. Thanks for all you do for POTA.

Frank
K0JQZ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@...> wrote:
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1228. "Team" Activation question...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-01 18:25:15 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1228 Message: 1228

Now that CPOTA has consolidated into POTA, I have a question...

A bunch of us from the Ashtabula County Amateur Radio Club went out on the 17th of September 2011 to a County Park to do a "EmComm" excercise (essentially, we just picked a day to string up wires in trees, test out antennas, and have some FUN)... There were several people on several bands and modes, we wern't just using the Club Callsign... Is it possible for multiple people to activate a Park (assuming they got their 5 QSOs)???

The Club will be sending me the Logs shortly...

Andy N8OFS GOT6??? SMIRK#6737 IHRAS#0007
Activator of POTA#USOH003...

1229. Re: [p_o_t_a_] "Team" Activation question...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-01 18:41:35 UTC
From: VE3FAL-Fred
Topic: 1228 Message: 1229

I am not so sure about CONSOLIDATED, numbering and awards are a total seperate entity, as was discussed in the beginning. The consolidation was just trying to have a common website and a place to post activations and accomplishments. I dont think I missed anything here, I hope not....

As far as your question about multiple people activating the park, the answer is yes as long as you are in the same park. We did the same thing for the activation of Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, as others have done as well..

Fred
VE3FAL
----- Original Message -----
From: n8ofs@...
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, October 01, 2011 2:25 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] "Team" Activation question...

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1230. Re: [p_o_t_a_] "Team" Activation question...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-01 18:45:43 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1228 Message: 1230

Thefirst person to activate a park gets the credit and a number for the park.
After the number is available then the next ham(s) can use that number in the exchange for the contact.

As a group, designate the call used and the team can list all callsigns who participated.

Who in your group made the first (5) five contacts? That person gets the credit.

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1231. George Bush Park, Houston, Harris County, Texas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-02 01:16:50 UTC
From: traburgess1945
Topic: 1231 Message: 1231

George Bush Park Activation

Over a couple of months, I was able to make enough QSO's to activate a Houston, Texas area park:

George Bush (Harris County) Park, Houston, Texas. There was a major grass fire in this park a couple of weeks ago.

http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/georgebush.aspx
<http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/georgebush.aspx>

8/1/2011 14.285 USB 5 watts 00:15 KF7ELU 5-2/5-2 Clayton Lowther Ft. Bridger, Wy.

8/1/2011 14.285 USB 5 watts 00:40 K3LQB 5-9/5-5 Larry Belock Woodstock, Ga

9/5/2011 7.290 LSB 5 watts 16:35 KA5AZK 5-9/5-3 JoAnn 7290 Traffic Net NW Texas

10/1/2011 28.495 USB 5 watts 21:40 KD6WKY 5-9/5-4 Mr. Olive VACAVILLE, CA California QSO Party

10/1/2011 14.324 USB 45 watts 21:45 K0MCM 5-8/5-6 Brian Ward Sioux Falls SD

□@

The first three contacts were made with an FT-817nd and an AlexLoop Magnetic Loop Antenna.

The others were made using a 44 foot doublet. The 45 watt contact was made using a Tokyo High-Power 45 watt amplifier.

Travis

K5HTB

www.travisoftexas.com <http://www.travisoftexas.com>

1232. Queen Wilhelmina SP, Arkansas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-02 15:08:54 UTC
From: w_r_adams1
Topic: 1232 Message: 1232

Who: NE5DL and AF4B
What: SOTA Activation (see http://www.sota.org.uk/)
When: October 3 after 22:00 CDT
Where: Queen Wilhelmina SP, Arkansas
Frequency (MHz) ☐ mode: 14.05-cw
Hope to spot on qrpspots (http://www.qrpspots.com) and twitter @af4b5

73,
Bill AF4B

1233. Activation of Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas (Houston)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-02 23:50:29 UTC
From: traburgess1945
Topic: 1233 Message: 1233

Ray Miller Park, Harris County Texas Houston

2 October 2011, I worked Ray Miller park. Lots of chatter on the air as the California QSO Party was under way.
http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/raymiller.aspx

Hugh Travis Burgess, K5HTB
EL29.

All contacts were made at 2.5 watts with Yaesu FT-817nd and Chameleon V1 antenna.

w0hjw 28.390 19:46 59/54
w6rfu 28.415 19:50 59/54
ko6lu 28.445 19:56 59/44
ko7x 14.309 20:15 59/53
kw7d 18.155 20:50 59/55
k6mmm 21.294 21:06 59/55

1234. Successful Activation Great Smoky National Park Sep 29 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-02 23:53:03 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 1231 Message: 1234

Group ☐

On Sep 29, 2011 I successfully activated Great Smoky National Park. It's a great time of year in the Park. Fall colors are plentiful at the higher elevations, and in evidence at lower elevations. There's a nip in the air with first frost expected at elevation this weekend. The leaves draw many visitors. The Park is busy. As we made the turn into Elkmont Campground, a sow black bear and cub crossed the road in front of the camper. The Park's campgrounds are full for the weekend. We hiked to Andrews Bald near Clingmans Dome and Abrams Falls in Cades Cove.
I worked from the campground using the camper's generator for electricity. I operated an Elecraft K3 from the passenger seat of the motorhome with 100 watts into an end-fed-half-wave-vertical dipole hung from a 40 ft telescoping fiberglass pole attached to the ladder on the back of the camper. The campground is on a creek with ridges on both sides and high mountains to the east. I wondered if my signal would get up and out. I heard very little as I quickly scanned the band. I set up on 14.263 MHz. I got no reply to my CQs, so let the K3's digital voice recorder take over that duty. Finally a reply and a good signal report. Then a wait and another. Then the recorder rested as the responses came closer together. After a bit, I had a small pileup going. Perhaps someone spotted me. No internet or cell service in the campground, so I don't know. I had a lot of fun working many contacts and talking a lot about POTA. More and more people know about POTA and have an interest in doing activations.
The contact log is below. All contacts were made Sep 29, 2011. All times are UTC. All contacts were made on 14.63MHz with 100 watts.
Photo album to follow.

K4KGG, Larry

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12:29 W4DUC 58 59 Virgil Port St Lucie, FL
12:36 W5IAY/M 57 59 Rick Cottonwood, NY
12:42 KJ4EUN/M59 59 Steve Ft Lauderdale, FL
12:47 K1WTX 58 59 Jerry Turner, ME
12:57 KM4OP 59 59 Phil Palm Bay, FL
13:07 KB1VYB 59 59 Bryan Grantham, NH
13:13 K5TGS 58 55 Tim Keller, TX
13:24 WM5WM 56 49 Bill Abilene, TX
13:32 KE1D 59 59 Les Austin, MN
13:38 W8UTY 59 58 Bob Melbourne, FL
13:40 WD4IIO 59 59 Joe Brooksville, FL
13:46 WB2FAW 58 45 Nick Ilion, NY
13:50 KC1HD/M 58 55 Michael Milford, CT
13:54 KA2ONS/1 59 59 Lewie N ME woods
13:56 KD0OJN 57 57 Mike Granview, MO
14:01 WB3HML 59 59 Bob The Villages, FL
14:04 W1WAT 57 57 Joe Durham, CT
14:09 W5IOU 59 58 Leonard Clarksville, AR

14:14 WS0X 57 58 Marc Latour, MO
14:17 KJ4DBB 59 58 Steve Clearwater, FL
14:23 KJ4VVU 59 59 Joey Port St Lucie, FL

1235. Re: Activation of Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas (Houston)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-03 12:49:23 UTC
From: traburgess1945
Topic: 1233 Message: 1235

Forgot to mention that both of my activations, George Bush Park and Ray Miller Park were on SSB.

Travis
K5HTB

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> k6mmm 21.294 21:06 59/55
>

1236. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activation of Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas (Houston)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-03 13:16:03 UTC
From: Chuck Carpenter
Topic: 1233 Message: 1236

Travis,

Good stuff, nice to have the high bands open, makes that 2.5W look like 50 on the low bands...8^)

Any problems operating in the parks due to the burn bands and fire problems? What sort of setup do you do at the parks? Mobile, bench, pickup tail gate etc.

On Mon, Oct 3, 2011 at 7:49 AM, traburgess1945 <travburg1@...>wrote:

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> Miller Park were on SSB.
>
> --
> Chuck Carpenter, W5USJ, EM22cv
> Point, Rains Co., Texas
> http://w5usj.com
>
>

1237. Re: Activation of Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas (Houston)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-04 12:47:36 UTC
From: traburgess1945
Topic: 1233 Message: 1237

Burn bans are in effect, in fact there was a major fire in George Bush Park not long ago. The area I was in was spared.
The Ray Miller Park setup was easy using a picnic table. I got to tell one young family of five about Ham Radio.
That Chameleon antenna is fantastic! Right now, I am gathering quality commercial equipment for emcomm use. The antenna I used in George Bush Park was a home brew 44 foot doublet. In both parks, I had a little Tokyo High Power 45 watt amp available. Only used it for one contact in GB Park, all the rest were QRP. Everything is battery powered. Did not use my solar setup.

Photos are in my album: K5HTB Shack Without Walls

73
Travis
K5HTB

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1238. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-04 13:11:01 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1238

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /GeorgiaStateParks.xls
Uploaded by : skos@... <skos@...>
Description : Georgia State Parks

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/GeorgiaStateParks.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

skos@... <skos@...>

1239. Planned Activation Stephen Foster State Park, FL Oct 7, 2011 K4KGG

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-05 21:49:19 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 5 Message: 1239

Group -

I plan to activate Stephen Foster State Park in FL Oct 7, 2011. I will operate as close as possible to 14.260 MHz starting about 12:30 UTC. Hope to work you.

Larry, K4KGG

1240. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-06 00:53:08 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1240

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ColoradoStateParks&ActivationInfo24sep2010.xls
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Colorado State Park Activation 24 Sep 2010

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ColoradoStateParks%26ActivationInfo24sep2010.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1241. Trinidad Lake State Park, Colorado

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-06 01:08:07 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1241 Message: 1241

I plan to activate Trinidad Lake State Park in Southern Colorado (near the NM CO boarder) starting Friday afternoon MST. I plan to be there for two nights. I will be near or on the QRP freqs (I favor 20 meters the most).

Frank
K0JQZ

1242. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Trinidad Lake State Park, Colorado

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-06 01:42:25 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1241 Message: 1242

I am on nights all week Frank, but will look for you on saturday afternoon
on 20 meters, good luck and welcome to the group and have fun.

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

On Thu, 06 Oct 2011 01:08:07 -0000
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CO boarder) starting Friday afternoon MST. I plan to be there for two
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1243. Re: Trinidad Lake State Park, Colorado

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-06 02:38:47 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1241 Message: 1243

That would be great Fred.... The weather is supposed to turn bad but that just mean less people at the park. Just the way I like it.

Hope to hear you.

Frank
K0JQZ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
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1244. Successful Activation Steven Foster SP, FL Oct 7, 2011 K4KGG.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-07 18:00:29 UTC
From: llibsch
Topic: 1228 Message: 1244

Group ☐

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1357 N9GE 59 59 Gary Racine, WI

1245. Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-07 15:16:48 UTC
From: Greg Lane
Topic: 1245 Message: 1245

Greg Lane N4KGL
Oct 6th 2011 Between 2100Z and 2225Z
Rig Icom 703 10 watts

K4L 58/59 50.125 St. George Lighthouse Expedition
M1CZZ 57/59 14.270 Oldham England
W5FBS 55/59 14.261 Oklahoma City OK
KC5JTN/M 56/58 14.265 Austin TX
EA3FTA 14.258 Spain

See http://www.n4kgl.info/2011/10/st-george-island-parks-on-air.html

It was fun!

Greg

1246. Second Sunday Tech - 9 October 2011 - Tanyard Creek Park, Atlanta, GA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-07 21:08:44 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1246 Message: 1246

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1247. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Upcoming QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-07 21:43:22 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1191 Message: 1247

Check the QRP ARCI web site: www.qrparci.org for details on the upcoming Fall QSO Party....hope to hear and work some of you during this and future QRP contests sponsored by the QRP ARCI group.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI contest manager

To: p_o_t_a_@...
From: rodenkirch_llc@...
Date: Fri, 23 Sep 2011 11:48:19 -0600
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Upcoming QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party

G'day all: The Fall QSO Party, hosted by QRP ARCI, is just around the corner - from 1200Z 15 October till 2400Z 16 October.

A great QRP contest with plenty of categories to choose from.....more info will be provided by the latter part of next week (contest info will be provided at the QRP ARCI website as well) but I wanted all to know this contest is almost upon us so get those antennas retuned, if necessary, check those radial connections and blow the dust out of those rigs, if necessary!

Participation, on average, runs around 100 stations or so --- gosh, with 14,000 plus QRP ARCI membership numbers and, assuming 50% are truly active at times over the course of a calendar year, it would seem like the number of entries could be higher than that.......give some consideration to participating as it's a fun event and earning a certificate for the category of interest is always worth sumpin' PLUS the certificates look awfully nice.

72, de Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

1248. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Second Sunday Tech - 9 October 2011 - Tanyard Creek Park, Atlanta, GA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-07 21:23:13 UTC
From: VE3FAL-Fred
Topic: 1246 Message: 1248

Good luck Bill to you and the gang, will have family over for Thanksgiving dinner, but will listen for you..

Fred
VE3FAL
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 5:08 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Second Sunday Tech - 9 October 2011 - Tanyard Creek Park, Atlanta, GA

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1249. Re: Successful Activation Steven Foster SP, FL Oct 7, 2011 K4KGG.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-08 14:10:43 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1228 Message: 1249

Is there a place where we can view the activated parks and their numbers? There are no files in "Database."

Travis
K5HTB

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "llibsch" <llibsch@...> wrote:
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1250. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Successful Activation Steven Foster SP, FL Oct 7, 2011 K4KGG.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-08 14:51:12 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 1228 Message: 1250

They should be under the group's Files section, Travis.

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "k5htb_de_travis" <travburg1@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2011 10:10:43 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Successful Activation Steven Foster SP, FL Oct 7, 2011 K4KGG.

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1251. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Second Sunday Tech - 9 October 2011 - Tanyard Creek Park, Atlanta, GA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-08 21:46:12 UTC
From: KB4KFT,Bill Perkins
Topic: 1246 Message: 1251

Thanks... we'll be trying.

Bill Perkins
  KB4KFT
    Duluth, GA USA

-----Original message-----
From: VE3FAL-Fred <ve3fal@tbaytel.net>
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Fri, Oct 7, 2011 21:23:13 GMT+00:00
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1252. An oooops regarding the Fall QSO Party announcement

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-09 02:03:09 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1252

I've had several queries today regarding the absence of any mention of a multi-operator category in the Fall QSO Party contest announcement at the QRP ARCI web site.

The long and the short version of the "why" can be summed up as: I messed the assembly of the announcement up that was sent to the QRP ARCI web master - I was altering the format of the announcement some and, inadvertently, left off any mention of a multi-operator category.

So, you'll find a "redo" of that announcement at the QRP ARCI website by tomorrow evening or early Monday that reflects the option of an entry as a multi-operator, single op or as a member of a team (even as a member of a team you can submit an entry as a single op). Once you've decided on one of those three as your "entry" status you can select All Bands, High Bands, Low Bands or Single Band sub categories.....

Lookin' forward to hearing and working you next weekend in our Fall QSO Party - we're certainly hopeful that the increased propagation status on the higher bands encourages more participation during this Fall QSO Party as well as the other 11 contests over the coming year.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1253. Re: Successful Activation Steven Foster SP, FL Oct 7, 2011 K4KGG.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-09 04:00:36 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1228 Message: 1253

My two county parks are not there and there seems to be no files for county and city parks. I would like to know what gives before I fool with any more parks.

Travis
K5HTB

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> Pete
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1254. Happy Thanksgiveing to the Canadians among us.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-09 08:24:48 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1254 Message: 1254

Why do I say that?

What we in the US call Columbus Day the Canadians call Thanksgiving Day.

Bil Munsil
Mesa AZ

Member of the Arizona Mayflower Society since 1965.
No one has been a member longer than I have.

1255. Trinidad Lake State Park successfully activated.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-09 18:01:35 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1255 Message: 1255

Trinidad Lake State Park Activation
K0JQZ (Frank Skinner)
f_skinner@yahoo.com

Oh a whim I decided to go to Trinidad Lake State Park on the Colorado New Mexico boarder.

I never cared for the town of Trinidad and have been through it many times but have only viewed it from the Interstate. My impression is it is always under construction. Of course my impression was correct. The GPS guided me and it appeared to be an easy path through the downtown area. It would have been if the road was not closed for construction. Other roads that my GPS was looking for became dead ends or no longer existed. I drove around for a while and dumb luck got me to the park.

I was hoping there would not be many people at the park. I would have never guessed that it is such a popular park as it was crowded. Well, I am sure it was not as crowded as the state income people want to see but there were about 10 other campers and at least one tent at the park. I can understand why as it is a beautiful park. I had decided if it was not nice I would try for 5 QSOs from in the truck then head North to Pueblo Lake State Park but after driving into the park I was hooked. I can do Pueblo Lake any time, as it is only 30 miles from home.

I get a spot but I have campers on either side of me, I was not very social because I wanted to get to work setting up the Buddipole. Wait, here comes the rain! Instead of getting soaked I ducked in the camper and waited a few minutes. It would go off and on like this for many hours but I got the Buddipole setup in record time (I may have to time myself for real one day) and am using a new taller mast that I got the day before. I also went with the longer whips that made it very easy to tune.

I did not have the space I usually have, with campers on either side of me, so I improvised a different way to hold the longer mast vertical. It worked well. A few minutes later I was on the air making QSOs.

Log Book:
10/07/11 2119 2124 KU5Q 569 569 14.062 CW
10/07/11 2137 2149 KD0V 559 559 14.060 CW
10/07/11 2155 2203 AA7EE 559 559 14.060 CW
10/07/11 2211 2230 W6SQQ 559 559 14.062 CW
10/07/11 2337 2348 KD0QV 559 449 14.062 CW
10/7-8/11 2353 0007 KD0APS 559 579 14.060 CW
10/08/11 0008 0025 KE7LKW 559 449 14.060 CW
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10/08/11 1953 2009 AC6YY 559 559 14.060 CW

Lynn (KC0YQF) showed up the following day. I realized that the directions I gave her were no good because of the construction so I called her the night before but due to the rain and wind could not hear her that well. I got the message through and she was listening on 146.520 when she drove in and I was perched about 500 feet above the lake enjoying the view with my handheld. Once I got her through the town I was able to get a visual on her and guide her the rest of the way to the camping spot.

So another Colorado State Park is activated. I hope that my words and pictures inspire some others to get out to a state park. I would like to get some of the Colorado guys together at a park one time as a group event. More social than anything but I am sure we could squeeze out 5 QSOs as required.

PICTURE LINK: http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/2080272356/pic/list

73
Frank
K0JQZ

1256. Rocky Mountain N.P.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-09 18:29:15 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1256 Message: 1256

Trip report for the SOTA activation in the RMNP is not quite ready yet but the video can be found on Youtube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WJgBJ_K1mQ

73, Matt / K0MOS

1257. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Rocky Mountain N.P.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-10 02:36:14 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 1256 Message: 1257

Great video Looks like it was an adventure just getting there.

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
dudelsack55
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2011 2:29 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Rocky Mountain N.P.

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1258. Re: Rocky Mountain N.P.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-10 11:44:40 UTC
From: Larry Libsch
Topic: 1256 Message: 1258

Matt -

Spectacular video. Congrats on your activation. Though I live in FL, my XYL and I love RMNP. We set up in Moraine Campground and day hike from there. I've operated from the Alpine Visitor Center on Trail Ridge Road.

K4KGG, Larry

1259. No computer access

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-10 12:21:21 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1259 Message: 1259

FYI to all,
Unfortunately at this time I have no access to a computer, this message is from work.
I will be getting it fixed ASAP but until further notice hold all data or someone else can pick up the slack.
Kyle N4NSS

1260. Re: Activation of Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas (Houston)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-10 15:07:00 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1233 Message: 1260

This activation does not seem to be showing up anywhere in the files.

Travis
K5HTB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "traburgess1945" <travburg1@...> wrote:
>
> Ray Miller Park, Harris County Texas Houston
>
> 2 October 2011, I worked Ray Miller park. Lots of chatter on the air as the California QSO Party was under way.
> http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/raymiller.aspx
>
> Hugh Travis Burgess, K5HTB
> EL29.
>
> All contacts were made at 2.5 watts with Yaesu FT-817nd and Chameleon V1 antenna.
>
> w0hjw 28.390 19:46 59/54
> w6rfu 28.415 19:50 59/54
> ko6lu 28.445 19:56 59/44
> ko7x 14.309 20:15 59/53
> kw7d 18.155 20:50 59/55
> k6mmm 21.294 21:06 59/55
>

1261. Re: George Bush Park, Houston, Harris County, Texas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-10 15:08:18 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1231 Message: 1261

This activation does not seem to be showing up in any of the files.

Travis
K5HTB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "traburgess1945" <travburg1@...> wrote:
>
>
> George Bush Park Activation
>
> Over a couple of months, I was able to make enough QSO's to activate a
> Houston, Texas area park:
>
> George Bush (Harris County) Park, Houston, Texas. There was a major
> grass fire in this park a couple of weeks ago.
>
> http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/georgebush.aspx
> <http://www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/georgebush.aspx>
>
> 8/1/2011 14.285 USB 5 watts 00:15 KF7ELU 5-2/5-2 Clayton Lowther
> Ft. Bridger, Wy.
>
> 8/1/2011 14.285 USB 5 watts 00:40 K3LQB 5-9/5-5 Larry Belock
> Woodstock, Ga
>
> 9/5/2011 7.290 LSB 5 watts 16:35 KA5AZK 5-9/5-3 JoAnn 7290
> Traffic Net NW Texas
>
> 10/1/2011 28.495 USB 5 watts 21:40 KD6WKY 5-9/5-4 Mr. Olive
> VACAVILLE, CA California QSO Party
>
> 10/1/2011 14.324 USB 45 watts 21:45 K0MCM 5-8/5-6 Brian Ward Sioux
> Falls SD
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> □@
>
> The first three contacts were made with an FT-817nd and an AlexLoop
> Magnetic Loop Antenna.
>
> The others were made using a 44 foot doublet. The 45 watt contact was
> made using a Tokyo High-Power 45 watt amplifier.
>
> Travis
>

> K5HTB
>
> www.travisoftexas.com <http://www.travisoftexas.com>
>

1262. Activation Notice: Hospital Rock, Sequoia NP

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-10 16:10:25 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1262 Message: 1262

Since tomorrow is housekeeper day, which is major QRM, I will be driving up to Sequoia NP for the morning.

Date: Oct 11
Time: 1930 utc
Freq: 14.061 +/- CW, 14.3425 +/- SSB and 18.1575 SSB
Radio: Yaesu FT-817 @ 5w
Ants: Par EF-20 EFHW and Hamstick Dipole/Verticals for 17M

Hospital Rock is a historical site along with a nice picnic area.

http://www.sierranevadageotourism.org/content/hospital-rock-sequoia-national-park/sie9F7CAD682BE018262

This location isnt the best for radio work, but will give it a try anyhow. Directly to the east is Moro Rock and then the +14kft Sierra Nevada's to get over, so am hoping for the best.

http://images.search.yahoo.com/search/images?_adv_prop=image&fr=att-portal-s&va=moro+rock+sequoia+national+park

Sorry, Moro Rock doesnt qualify for SOTA as have submitted but didnt meet the requirements. Hope to have good band condx and Q's tomorrow.

John
W6ZKH

1263. Re: Activation Notice: Hospital Rock, Sequoia NP

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-10 16:15:13 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1262 Message: 1263

Time change: from 1930 utc to 1630 utc

John W6ZKH

From: John Neeley <w6zkh@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, October 10, 2011 9:10:25 AM
Subject: Activation Notice: Hospital Rock, Sequoia NP

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W6ZKH

1264. Re: [c_p_o_t_a] Groups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-11 20:36:45 UTC
From: VE3FAL-Fred
Topic: 1264 Message: 1264

Yes and No.. The announcements and activations can be a together, the numbering system and awards are two seperate entities and cannot be combined towards awards onc we get them going, at least for the meantime. Eac will have there own awards system and awards.

Fred
VE3FAL

Also check out:
http://www.hamparks.org/

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill
To: c_p_o_t_a@...
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 3:56 PM
Subject: [c_p_o_t_a] Groups

I am a little confused now.

I joined POTA last week thinking that the "LxPeditions" we do based
out of Atlanta, GA, (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LxPeditionsAtlanta/)
kinda fit with POTA - many of them are done from parks around the
southeast. Then when reading the FAQ for that group it specifically limits activations to
ONLY national and state parks. So I held off
submitting logs from Sunday the 9th's outing to Tanyard Creek Park
(City of Atlanta) and joined here.

So... are the two groups being combined?

I have an event coming up Saturday evening, October 15th from either
the Jeffereson National Forest in southwest Virginia -or- a local park
(there are several to choose from) near Big Stone Gap, VA. I can post
this schedule on the LxPA site now but don't want to post it on the
wrong P-site.

I just joined CPOTA - am I wasting my time here?

1265. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: [c_p_o_t_a] Groups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-11 20:43:49 UTC
From: Andy Dickerson
Topic: 1264 Message: 1265

Boy, am I confused. I have been "talking up" POTA in the Atlanta area (including to Bill KB4KFT, who wrote the original message below) with the understanding that POTA incorporates all municipal/provincial/state/national parks. I would really appreciate some clarification, as I hadn't heard of the CPOTA group.

Thanks,
Andy KD4UKW

On Tue, Oct 11, 2011 at 4:36 PM, VE3FAL-Fred <ve3fal@...> wrote:

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> Fred
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>
>
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1266. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: [c_p_o_t_a] Groups

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-11 20:47:59 UTC
From: TJ Campie
Topic: 1264 Message: 1266

Andy - it does. Just send a note to the group with the results of your activation and Kyle will add your newly activated park to the register. State parks are already taken care of.

TJ W0EA

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1267. LxPedition - 80 & 40 meters, Saturday, 15 October, Southwest Virginia

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-11 20:53:40 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1267 Message: 1267

The full message is posted at
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LxPeditionsAtlanta/

The location will be somewhere in southwest Virginia. There are few national forests (and parks) plus many county and city parks in the area of Big Stone Gap, VA, plus lots of open near-wilderness areas. "Jefferson National Forest" (and state park) is nearby. "Frog Level Park" sounds interesting, so does "Italy Bottom Park" - they are either city or county, not sure which, close to BSG,VA. The final location will depend on conditions on the ground Saturday afternoon and I won't know that till I get there. I am going to try very hard to get in a park to satisfy the POTA and/or CPOTA mission.

I am going to propose a standard hunt sequence on 40 and 80 meters that I have used several times. I have set the start time to 9:30pm eastern to avoid competing with W4MAA's (Bobby's) 10-10 net on 28330 at 8pm eastern from Lillburn, GA (Y'all give that net a try too, hear?) I will try to check into this net but never have been able to directly - hope springs eternal, they say, so I'll keep trying.

At 9:30pm eastern I'll come up on 40 meters, on 7254KHz (or down in steps of 3kc till I find a clear frequency); this may be on a funky-not-quite-inverted-L (FNQIL) but could be just a plain ole dipole, won't know till I find a site.

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If no contact by 10:30pm eastern, I'll make a final attempt on 3817, noisy or not. If busy I'll ebow in and we can move somewhere else if contact is made.

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For frequency changes I'll be using the national bureau of standards time signal with a few seconds delay for the times I need to change

antennas (shouldn't that be "antennii" or "antennae" ?). (spell checker say that last one *is* a good word... hmmm).

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10:45pm 2245 7254KHz or there abouts and go free style.

That's it. Rain or shine. Only active local electrical storms and driving rain keep me off the air; and I've ignored active ES more than once before.

I will post to the group(s) before 9pm on the day if I am not going to make on. Snow might make a dent in my plans, and is possible in the mountains even this early in the year.

1268. Re: Activation Notice: Hospital Rock, Sequoia NP**RESULTS

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-11 21:49:39 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1262 Message: 1268

Not a real good day....could hear real well, but not enough TX power to get out of that canyon. Only 2 stations worked. Need to find a hilltop or ridge someplace. Got afew ideas but Fed's might not agree. I did get visited by the Park Ranger who was curious as to the yellow pole and pink ribbon on the coax.. Ribbon so folks could see the coax and not run into it. Alot of tourist and knats arrived soon after, and dont know what was more annoying. I felt like I should have been in an Info Kiosk. Most asked questions though about what I was doing, and seemed interested for the mostpart. A few fellows wouldnt leave so I could operate, they just wanted to chat...me too, on the radio... There are 3 photos in my photo file of my locations and setup. Had a wonderful clear view of Moro Rock.

John W6ZKH

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> John
> W6ZKH
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1269. Second Sunday Tech, 9 October 2011, Tanyard Creek Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-12 11:16:44 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1269 Message: 1269

Partial results from Tanyard Creek Park outing, Atlanta, GA,
October 9th 2011

Tanyard creek is a City of Atlanta park located on Collier
Road between Peachtree Rd and Northside Drive.

KB4KFT, Bill on 3855 (published frequency)
17:25 KJ4HE Walt Marietta, GA
17:30 AB4TE Bill McLean, VA
17:35 KM4EQ ---- near Spartanburg, SC
17:43 KJ4OH Herb near Knoxville, TN
17:51 KD4WMW Danny Harrogate, TN
17:52 N4TAT Don Warner Robbins, GA
18:25 N4HTI Joe Townville, SC

KF4UPO, Mike
16:15 28.424 K7LY Jerry AZ
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16:31 K2UV him 599 me 599 14062 Warren NY
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and
17:12 W7A him 599 me 599 Spec Event Stn WA 18069

No contacts were made on 28.430 though some Central America
sounding stations were responding to "KFT" as the band shifted.
The 10 meter band seemed very unstable.

1270. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Second Sunday Tech, 9 October 2011, Tanyard Creek Outing

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-12 12:33:44 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1269 Message: 1270

Great job, nice to see all the logs and contacts.
I will be at the Grey Wolf Scout Camp this weekend for JOTA operating portable.
Will have a dipole up and my buddipole.

Cheers

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

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1271. LxPedition, 80 & 40 meters, Saturday, 15 October, Southwest Virginia

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-14 01:24:25 UTC
From: Bill
Topic: 1271 Message: 1271

... some lines deleted from the original message ...

Check http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LxPeditionsAtlanta/ for more information.

I am going to propose the same basic hunt sequence on 40 and 80 meters that I used from Marshal, NC, and got rained out of at Tybee Island in September. I have moved the time back 1/2 hour to avoid competeing with W4MAA's (Bobby's) 10-10 net on 28330 at 8pm eastern (Y'all give that net a try too, hear?)

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I am also going to post a summary of this on the CPOTA (City and POTA groups) kist in case they are interested.
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/c_p_o_t_a/

1272. Sunday October 16th - Washington Rock State Park, NJ

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-14 01:42:04 UTC
From: LARRY MAKOSKI
Topic: 1271 Message: 1272

I am hoping to get the chance to activate Washington Rock State Park in Green Brook, NJ this coming Sunday, if time permits.

I will post on QRPSPOTS if and when I get there.
http://www.qrpspots.com/

Equipment will most likely be my PFR-3A and either some Hamsticks or an EFHW antenna for 40 and 20 Meters.

73 de Larry W2LJ
QRP - When you care to send the very least!

1273. QRP ARCI Fall QSO contest: Final day for notification of the intent to form a team!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-14 14:29:50 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1273

A friendly reminder that you need to notify me prior to the start of the contest if you've formed a team - have several teams formed including one from EA land.

Get your buddies together and form a team ------- your individual scores remain that, an individual entry, but you can compete as a 2, 3, 4 or 5 person team.

Best of luck in this Fall event and I'll be lookin' for ya.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1274. Reminder regarding summary sheet submittals!!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-17 22:29:39 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1274

Puleeeeeeeeze: those of you who haven't submitted your logs yet, read the rules regarding your summary log submittal for this Fall QSO Party (and for all contestants, please read the rules announcements for future contests)!!!

Here's what it says (whether e-mailing the log or sending it via snail mail):

Submit Logs in plain text format along with a summary stating your Call Sign,
Entry Category, total # of QSOs with members, total # of QSOs with non-members on different continent, total # of
QSOs with non-members same continent,
total # of SPCs worked, Actual Power and Station Description, along with
score calculation to

contest@... or snail mail.

Almost 2/3 of the entries, so far, have failed to follow the summary requirements regarding tallying up and reporting the QSOs with members and with non-members on different continent and same continent. Also, the S/P/C calculation has been missing in several summary entries.

I can rummage through your log and ferret it all out but...after 40 some entries so far my eyes start to glaze over....thanks, in advance, for adhering to this teeny, weeny change in the summary reporting data submittal.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1275. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Reminder regarding summary sheet submittals!!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-17 23:01:16 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 1252 Message: 1275

Well this is my first contest doing it on my own, so I might need some hand holding in how to work it all out. So if I screw up, I will apologise in advance hihi.

I'm going to be getting my log off to you later on tonight if I get a chance.

charlie

1276. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Reminder regarding summary sheet submittals!!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-17 23:19:39 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 1252 Message: 1276

Ok log sent. Hope it's not too horrific for you.

According to N1MM logger, this is how I faired on my first contest and only
a month or so playing CW

Band Mode QSOs Pts DXC Are
7 USB 4 14 0 4
14 USB 28 121 1 15
21 USB 14 62 1 7
28 USB 3 12 2 0
Total Both 49 209 4 26

charlie

1277. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Reminder regarding summary sheet submittals!!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-18 01:33:20 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1252 Message: 1277

Charlie you need to start somewhere and you did, great job. I have placed first and second in a few tests over the years and not with huge scores either, location, location, location and of course category.
Keep up the good work..

I only operate a few tests a year all QRP: ARRL 160 meter contest, a few QRP ARCI tests, and dabble in the RAC tests, but nothing ever serious, just FUN only.

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28 USB 3 12 2 0
Total Both 49 209 4 26

charlie

1278. Duluth This Weekend

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-20 10:21:27 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 1278 Message: 1278

Steve:
Going to be in Duluth for the weekend, hope to talk to you on 146.520 simplex, always monitor that in Duluth as it gets more action then the repeeaers do.

Fred
VE3FAL

1279. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Reminder regarding summary sheet submittals!!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-20 12:56:43 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1279

Charlie: I need some more info here, Buddy....

1) I need a copy of your log
2) I need four summary numbers:

a) total QSOs with members
b) total QSOs with non-members different continent
c) total QSO with non-members same continent
d) total S/P/Cs
e) your output power

The first three, a-c, will give me the total of points, output power will give me a multiplier number as will the total of S/P/Cs

Okee Dokee? Send that info to me at this e-mail address: contest@...

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

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1280. Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-23 16:31:52 UTC
From: WX4CB
Topic: 1280 Message: 1280

all times zulu/utc/gmt

relatively nice warm day, a few people stopped by to see what I was doing.

Station Flags Start Time Band Mode RST s/r
WX4CB XE1EE 2011-10-22 22:01 10m CW 59 59
WX4CB JA7QVI 2011-10-22 21:27 10m CW 59 59
WX4CB 4C1JPG 2011-10-22 20:28 10m SSB 59 59
WX4CB FG5DH 2011-10-22 18:05 10m SSB 59 59
WX4CB LZ2MAM 2011-10-22 18:00 10m SSB 57 57
WX4CB PA2LO 2011-10-22 16:52 10m SSB 57 57

enjoy.

charlie
wx4cb

1281. Another Rocky Mountain NP Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-26 20:40:21 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1281 Message: 1281

I just finished the trip report from the Estes Cone activation this week-end. It is a SOTA peak in RMNP.
Unfortunately I lost some nice footage of a big Elk crossing my way and also of my chipmunk companion on the summit. Footage of some of my QSOs and operation location were also lost due to the fact that I fumbled with the tiny buttons on the cam - gloves and cold fingers do not help at all!!! Did I mention that it was cooooold and windy?

You can find the report, pictures and video under:

http://www.schnizer.com/SOTAblog/?p=602

For those of you who do not care about the report, here is the shortcut to the Youtube video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nFI1NCkRsc

1282. A nifty End Fed Half Wave (EFHW) antenna tuner kit

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-28 01:02:47 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1282 Message: 1282

JUST in case you're lookin' for the perfect portable antenna (or not portable) and tuner, the below was posted at the FT-817 yahoo reflector site by M0GUX:

Hi all,

Just built the little EFHW tuner kit by KI6J (Stuart). Picture under 'M0GUX'. It takes up to 10W (5W recommended) and tunes 40m-15m.

Really nice little kit - it has a L/C match section with a very useful LED SWR indicator which you can switch in to check the match before use.

I bought the optional extra box and connector kit and it all fits perfectly. I ended up changing the phono plug for a BNC connector and I also fitted the
optional ground lug.

The kit instructions were easy to follow and it didn't take long to build. I had to do a bit of extra drilling for the BNC connector and ground lug. The
only problem I had to solve was that the ground lug had to be stepped away from the PCB solder pad because the antenna and ground lugs would have bumped up

against each other. This was simple to do and I just used a bit of solder braid to extend it out to the side. The coil winding was easy but a bit fiddly for

the SWR core (don't worry - there's enough wire for 3 attempts). I glued both the binocular core and the main inductor toroid to the PCB to prevent unwanted

movement.

There is a useful test sequence using a load resistor which enables you to check operation before boxing it all up.

As with all of these kits, building the board is the easy bit - fitting it into the box and connecting it up is the hardest bit!

In use, it's dead easy: cut the wire to half-wavelength + 3% (detailed in the instructions), connect it up, switch in the SWR LED, tune for weakest

illumination, switch SWR LED out, operate. The tuner works very well with straight 1/2 wave wires, inverted-V half-waves and L-antennas. If you have

trouble with matching, you can adjust the capacitor trimmers for a little more tuning range at top or bottom.

I've built little LC tuners for EFHW before but never with the SWR indicator and this is a very useful addition for hardly any extra weight/size. You
could alter the L and C components to tune to different bands, using the same fundamental design - the fantastic 'RF Circuit Design' book has a section on designing
matching circuits that can assist.

I don't know if Stuart is going to put any more kits together but if he does, this is a worthy addition to any FT-817 go-bag. Great work Stu!

Note: Stu's latest kit offering has these "benefits":

1) Other commercial tuners for EFHW antenna are not, necessarily, an end fed half wave tuner as some of them are configured to match impedance of only a few hundred ohms (a true End Fed Half Wave antenna offers Zo values from 3K to 5K.

2) Some commercial tuner offerings require the use of a quarter wave radial - that is not a true EFHW antenna tuner...of you have a true End Fed Half Wave antenna you shouldn't require more than 1 to 3 feet of counterpoise - in fact, if your EFHW antenna is cut correctly you shouldn't need any counterpoise at all.

3) Stu's SWR bridge has been improved to give reliable indications into a high Z load.

4) Other commercial EFHW tuners use the old standard, size 50 toroid core for the auto transformer. Stu's uses a size 68 core that is a superior core for matching a true high Z load.

5) Some commercial EFHW tuners have a free floating circuit board and a toroid mounted with electrical tape (can you believe THAT??). Stu's single board design is much more shock resistant and, trust me, there is NO electrical tape used.

6) Some commercial EFHW antenna tuner enclosures exhibit metal "protrusions" which take up pack space and are convenient points for getting snagged.

7) If you put Stu's kit together and it doesn't work, for any reason, mail it back to him and he will send it back working - at no charge. If you bought a version 1 kit with the T50 toroid, notify Stu and he will mail you an upgrade kit at no charge!

The cost of Stu's kit, without the portable-friendly, smoothed corners enclosure, is $26.00 shipped to the U.S., $27.00 shipped to Canada and $28.00 if shipped to the EU. If you opt to purchase an enclosure, add $7.00 to the basic kit order.

If you're interested, contact Stu, KI6J, at one of these e-mail addresses: ki6j@... or ki6mwn@...

It's a great tuner! I've used one of the original, original prototypes, one of the first kit models and now I have one of the 2nd generation kits....I use it when hiking as well as at the home QTH (my 43 foot vertical has a high angle of radiation when I operate on the higher bands so an EDHW antenna mounted as a sloper off a 28' Jacktite mast, along with Stu's tuner is THE ticket for working the high bands - 20 through 15).

Regards, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

1283. One reminder about submitting your log for the QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-10-28 11:40:20 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1283

The 31st of October is the last day for submitting a log for the recent QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party - if you have a log and haven't submitted it please do.....the more the merrier and I'm all caught up on transferring log and summary info into the spreadsheet.

Here are the basic log submission "rules" (found at www.qrparci.org, click on contest calendar and then click on the specific contest):

M.
Email Log Submission:

Submit Logs in plain text format along with a summary stating your Call Sign,
Entry Category, total # of QSOs with members, total # of QSOs with non-members on different continent, total # of
QSOs with non-members same continent,
total # of SPCs worked, Actual Power and Station Description, along with
score calculation to
contest@...

N. Snail mail Log Submission:

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Actual Power and Station Description, along with score calculation to

ARCI Fall QSO Party

c/o Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

762 Saint James Lane

Saint George, UT 84790

Thanks to all that have submitted logs to date. 72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

1285. Hammocks Beach State Park, North Carolina Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-03 16:25:20 UTC
From: n4nab
Topic: 1285 Message: 1285

N4NAB and K9MRA will activate NC State Park at Hammocks Beach on Thursday Nov 10, 2011.
Operating times will be 1300Z to 1900Z
Freqs are 7.040 7.285 14.062 and 14.342

No number assigned as of today...

John N4NAB & Steve K9MRA

1286. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hammocks Beach State Park, North Carolina Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-04 00:52:28 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1285 Message: 1286

I'll be looking for you guys John,
I may even take a quick drive down and say hello. Good Luck and good weather!

72 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/3/2011 12:25:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n4nab@arrl.net writes:

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1288. Activation Notice: Del Lago Park, City of Tulare, CA 11/8/11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-09 00:31:30 UTC
From: John
Topic: 1288 Message: 1288

Went to the city park nearby this beautiful fall morning and set up the FT-817 @ 5 watts and my new Buddipole @ 15 ft.. Here is the results:

Date: 11/8/11

Time UTC Call Band R S Mode Name Location
1755 VE3NV 12M 569 579 CW Frank Ontario, Canada [50w]
1808 G3KZR 12M 439 559 CW Ian England [400w]
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1900 W3UY 10M 54 59 SSB Larry PA [200w]
1940 K9IS/QRP 15M 439 439 CW Steve WI [5w]

[*]=other stations power output

John W6ZKH

1289. Re: Activation Notice: Del Lago Park, City of Tulare, CA 11/8/11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-09 00:45:53 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1288 Message: 1289

Beats what I did today..... work.....

Looks like you had good conditions John.

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "John" <w6zkh@...> wrote:
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1290. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activation Notice: Del Lago Park, City of Tulare, CA 11/8/11

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-09 00:55:06 UTC
From: John Neeley
Topic: 1288 Message: 1290

WORK???? What's that??? Yes, with a SFI of 188 A6 K2 was pretty good from 15 to 10M..alot of activity. Might go tomorrow if the weather is nice...

John

From: f_skinner <f_skinner@yahoo.com>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tue, November 8, 2011 4:45:53 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Activation Notice: Del Lago Park, City of Tulare, CA 11/8/11

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1291. for kyle

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-09 01:42:57 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 1291 Message: 1291

Did y'all get my log for the activation for bulow plantation the last one out of the three I have here?

charlie

1292. Hammonds Beach State PArk, NC Activation a day early...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-09 14:27:25 UTC
From: n4nab
Topic: 1292 Message: 1292

Due to the influence of TS Sean the wx Thursday is marginal and it is beautiful here today.

We are leaving QTH now to go setup for a Wednesday operation.

Steve, K9MRA and John N4NAB will be QRV from 1130 EDT to 1400 on 7.040/7.285 and 14.060 +- and 0014.342.5.

1293. Hammocks Beach POTA event great signal

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-09 17:12:02 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1293 Message: 1293

N4NAB and K9MRA are on 7.042 with a booming signal into NC
give them a shout and help get Hammocks Beach State Parke activated.
I just worked them and they were 20 over into Burlington.

Randy_KB4QQJ

1294. Hammonds Beach State Park, NC Activation Success!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-10 00:01:40 UTC
From: n4nab
Topic: 1294 Message: 1294

Great day on the NC coast. Hammocks Beach/Bear Island is the southern most island in the Outer banks chain and one of a few left that remains untouched by any development. The wx was great and Steve, K9MRA and I made some really nice contacts from NC to OH to Quebec. Running 857's at minimum power to Buddipole verticals the bands (40 & 20) were in excellent shape.
Plan to do Fort Macon State Park in the very near future.

r/John N4NAB

1295. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Hammonds Beach State Park, NC Activation Success!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-10 00:08:47 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1294 Message: 1295

Well Done John and Steve,
Glad I could make the contact. You guys were booming into central NC!!
so now we have a number for Hammocks Beach State Park.... heh heh we need
to start planning some awards or a NC chapter of POTA.

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/9/2011 7:01:46 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
n4nab@... writes:

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Yahoo! Groups Links

1296. Hammocks Beach State Park, NC Logs Uploaded to " Files"

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-10 00:40:28 UTC
From: n4nab
Topic: 1296 Message: 1296

Excel file uploaded 11/9/2011
N4NAB & K9MRA

1297. POTA operation today in Missouri

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-11 12:58:16 UTC
From: n0sa@att.net
Topic: 1297 Message: 1297

I plan on going to Taum Sauk Mtn. State Park today. USMO001

I will most likely be there between 9 and noon.

Bands of operation will be 40 thru 10 depending on conditions.

All CW, I'll start at the QRP freq.s

Will run my K2 at 10 watts to a vertical.

Larry N0SA

1298. The lastest updated 2011 Fall QSO Party scores!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-12 00:37:55 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1298

To all - a couple of potential "ooops," on my part, that were posted on the original 2011 Fall QSO Party contest results have been corrected and you can see the second version at www.qrparci.org You'll see the "Fall 2011 QSO Party Results" listing on the front page and a link at the bottom of that announcement paragraph that you can click on.

The final spreadsheet I sent to our webmaster, Steve, was a tad big to show on the front page so you'll get a HUGE spreadsheet view when you click on the link listed, "Click here for the full result sheet."

Thanks to all of the participants, members and non-members! This style of contesting is fun and hope to see you plus others in future QRP ARCI contests.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1299. Washington Rock State Park, NJ activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-13 19:09:57 UTC
From: Larry Makoski
Topic: 1048 Message: 1299

Going to head up there in a few minutes. Will post to QRPSPOTS with
freq information once I am there and set up.

Larry W2LJ

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73 de Larry W2LJ
QRP - When you care to send the very least!

http://w2lj.blogspot.com/
http://www.w2lj.qrpradio.com/

1300. Park Activation File Updates

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-16 00:00:48 UTC
From: n4nab
Topic: 1300 Message: 1300

How do the files get updated after logs are submitted? The North Carolina Activation file has not been updated since May 20, 2011.

Glad to help out if needed.

r/John N4NAB

1301. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Park Activation File Updates

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-16 00:03:43 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1300 Message: 1301

Kyle is the keeper of the logs but I think his computer crashed, not sure who else was doing the updating of the files. Kyle N4NSS should be sent your logs so he can keep the database that same.
Lets see who steps up here just incase someone is filling in for Kyle.

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On Wed, 16 Nov 2011 00:00:48 -0000
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1302. Re: Park Activation File Updates

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-16 00:29:49 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1300 Message: 1302

Fred, I was thinking about this a few weeks ago but I got distracted by something shinny. I updated the Colorado files for Kyle but no one else has sent me there logs nor do I expect them to since I never offered to do that to anyone save Kyle. Looking at what is involved it is a major under taking (at least for me as I do not use a PC but a version of Excel to run on the Mac which is not as good)...

Maybe, we can break the areas, states, provinces or what ever up into districts that one or two people can be responsible for (ie updating the data from the logs sent in). For example, I can probably do the 0 area (SD, ND, NE, KS, CO, MO, IA and MN)..... Actually that sounds like a lot as well but if two people are dedicated to an area it might make it more enjoyable.

I do not know, but thought I would throw that out there. I do not know what the grand plan for the group is. I like it because I do not have another number to remember and it is very informal. However, I would like to think we are collecting all the log entries for some kind of purpose otherwise there is really no need beyond reporting the 5 QSOs required to activate a park.

I was just reading this weekend about the SOTA group that has awards for activating summits as well as the people that chase them for QSOs... I do not know, I thought it was neat I guess. I would like to have a pile up going when I am out in a state park.

However, I will defer to those wiser than I as I did not put much thought into this.

On another note, I may get out to one more park this weekend before the holidays then I am heading home to NC to see my brother and sister...

73
Frank
K0JQZ

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1303. POTA AWARDS

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-18 04:50:47 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1303 Message: 1303

OK Gang, been scratching my head and trying to come up with a few award options to get things rolling here since we have a fair number of activations in place.
I would like to be able as well to see a list of all Parks in our listings in alphabetical order to see if we have Parks actually named fro A-Z for the alphabet award, if not I have a few other ideas in mind to get us there, I hope.
I would also like to be able to give some kind of credit or recognition to the activators by giving a certificate for activations, start with 5 and go up in increments of 5 after that by way of stickers for such certificates, we could do the same with those who work the parks as well.
I have designed certificates of awards in the past, but I know they could always be a bit fancier. I currently do the SKCC Club QRP certificates for both 1x and 2x QRP....
I know winter is here for some of us and we are at -11C tonight, so outings to Parks will be somewhat limited for us, but I do plan to be out on my cross country ski's from at least Kakabeka or Sibley Park this winter, who know, maybe I can get to Quetico Park for a survival weekend or something.

Let me know if you have a few more ideas or plans for activations etc....

Take care gang...

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1304. Re: POTA AWARDS

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-19 00:39:21 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1303 Message: 1304

Looks like you are on the way to coming up with some great stuff Fred.

Frank
K0JQZ

1305. Pueblo Lake State Park, Colorado Activation... Saturday 19 Nov 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-19 00:40:05 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1305 Message: 1305

Who: Frank (K0JQZ)

When: Nov 19 - 20, 2012, 1800 - 0400 UTC

Where: POTA Pueblo Lake State Park, Pueblo Colorado

Frequencies: 14.060 (day) / 7.030 (night) +/- CW Only

Info: I always try to make a different QSL card for each state park I activate.

73
Frank
K0JQZ

1306. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Pueblo Lake State Park, Colorado Activation... Saturday 19 Nov 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-19 01:40:44 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1305 Message: 1306

Frank I will look for you on both day and night frequencies.. Good work OM, we have snow all day today and calling for about another 2cm tonight, so will end up with a few inches total by morning.....

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Who: Frank (K0JQZ)

When: Nov 19 - 20, 2012, 1800 - 0400 UTC

Where: POTA Pueblo Lake State Park, Pueblo Colorado

Frequencies: 14.060 (day) / 7.030 (night) +/- CW Only

Info: I always try to make a different QSL card for each state park I activate.

73
Frank
K0JQZ

1307. Re: Pueblo Lake State Park, Colorado Activation... Saturday 19 Nov 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-19 02:13:57 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1305 Message: 1307

Fred, high winds and snow is in the forecast however, we will be in the truck camper. This is the time of year that we really enjoy state parks.

Once the regular season starts we look to go to more secluded places and they are not usually state parks. I had to scramble the last couple of parks because they were getting ready to close for the season......

We plan to head West after the holidays to activate some of those....

I hope we are able to qso tomorrow.

Frank

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
> Frank I will look for you on both day and night frequencies.. Good work OM,
> we have snow all day today and calling for about another 2cm tonight, so
> will end up with a few inches total by morning.....
>
>
> Fred
> YouKits Canada Rep.
> http://www.youkits.com
> CIW649/VE3FAL
> CFARS Member
> SATERN Member
> SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
> http://www.satern.org
> DEC Amethyst District ARES
> http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/
>
> On Sat, 19 Nov 2011 00:40:05 -0000
> "f_skinner" <f_skinner@...> wrote:
> Who: Frank (K0JQZ)
>
> When: Nov 19 - 20, 2012, 1800 - 0400 UTC
>
> Where: POTA Pueblo Lake State Park, Pueblo Colorado
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> activate.
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> K0JQZ
>

1308. Re: Pueblo Lake State Park, Colorado Activation... Saturday 19 Nov 2011

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 16:38:34 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1305 Message: 1308

Another activation is in the books. I will update the Colorado spreadsheet later but here is my log book for this outing.
KB5IQJ Don, TX
WA3WIJ Jim, PA
NG9Z Bernie, WI
KC0PMH Wayne, KS
KZ5W Brad, TX
W8MLL Lynn, OH
KD6SX George, CA
VA6CA Kam, Calgary AB

All on 20 meters and all made at about 2 watts from an Elecraft K1 going into a Buddipole. I may sell the K1 soon and get a KX1 or I may modify the K1 for 4 band operation. I am limited to 40 and 20 meters on that radio.

Temp was 45F as the high and gusting winds and in the low 20sF at night.

Of note KZ5W was using 300 mw (he was 449 into Pueblo Colorado)

I would have had many more QSOs but I needed to spend time with the XYL. Thanks to all that heard my QRP signal.

72
Frank
K0JQZ

1309. Special POTA QSLs

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 17:56:30 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1309 Message: 1309

I received a few emails asking about my QSLs for POTA. I must admit that looking back and trying to do this on my printer was more trouble than what it was worth so I figured I would tell the group about what I do for each activation.

I use a picture that I take with my cheap Nikon or iphone and just put that picture into a power point slide and just add the text (sometimes I have to change the text color to make sure it is readable depending on the pictures and placement). After I figure the out which picture to use, I place the text then upload them to my walgreens account to be printed and mailed to me. I just did 10 cards (I always do a few extra) for the grand total of $2.56 shipping to my house.

I like to think I am getting better about this. After talking with Fred I realized that I never put anything about POTA on the card. The one for Pueblo Lake will have POTA and a link to the yahoo group.

I like to think I am getting better about this. After talking with Fred I realized that I never put anything about POTA on the card. The one for Pueblo Lake will have POTA and a link to the yahoo group.

I uploaded some of my QSLs so you all can see them at
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/908799705/pic/list

I can see that they are getting better but there is always room for improvement. They are not in order.

Let me know what you think.

72
Frank
K0JQZ

1310. Awards and Bonus Points...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 18:30:50 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1310 Message: 1310

Do we get Bonus Points or an Endorsement if we operate from a Park where a "Occupy Wall Street" protest is in progress??? :)

Andy N8OFS GOT6??? SMIRK#6737 IHRAS#0007
The CrAzY 6 Meter FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...
"I'll stick a DOMINATOR on AnYtHiNg that will get me Wallpaper"...

1311. Re: POTA AWARDS

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 19:10:14 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1303 Message: 1311

Fred, these are all great ideas. I really like the 5 activations then maybe on 31 Dec award the most activations (separate award) as our "Activator of the Year" award. I know some of the 4 land guys are really getting out to a lot of parks.

I would have the 5 parks activated to include worked 5 different park activations. In other words I am trying to think of how it would be fun for the person activating as well as the person at home looking for the guy or gal out there in the cold (I am still a little cold from last night hi hi).

I will noodle on this a bit more and send you an email. I hope other people have some ideas as well.

Fred I must admit that I do not know what the SKCC QRP award looks like but I bet there is some great talent out there than can come up with something. What type of format to you use for those awards? It is power point or a PDF????

Frank
K0JQZ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
> OK Gang, been scratching my head and trying to come up with a few award
> options to get things rolling here since we have a fair number of
> activations in place.
> I would like to be able as well to see a list of all Parks in our listings
> in alphabetical order to see if we have Parks actually named fro A-Z for the
> alphabet award, if not I have a few other ideas in mind to get us there, I
> hope.
> I would also like to be able to give some kind of credit or recognition to
> the activators by giving a certificate for activations, start with 5 and go
> up in increments of 5 after that by way of stickers for such certificates,
> we could do the same with those who work the parks as well.
> I have designed certificates of awards in the past, but I know they could
> always be a bit fancier. I currently do the SKCC Club QRP certificates for
> both 1x and 2x QRP....
> I know winter is here for some of us and we are at -11C tonight, so outings
> to Parks will be somewhat limited for us, but I do plan to be out on my
> cross country ski's from at least Kakabeka or Sibley Park this winter, who
> know, maybe I can get to Quetico Park for a survival weekend or something.
>
> Let me know if you have a few more ideas or plans for activations etc....
>
> Take care gang...
>
> Fred
> YouKits Canada Rep.

> http://www.youkits.com
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>

1312. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 20:09:27 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1312

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ColoradoStateParks&ActivationInfo 20 nov 2011.xls
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Colorado park Activations current up to 20 Nov 2011

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ColoradoStateParks%26ActivationInfo%2020%20nov%202011.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1313. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 20:22:51 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 5 Message: 1313

that reminds me, i gotta do the florida file at somepoint

charlie

1314. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: POTA AWARDS

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 20:42:54 UTC
From: w1pns
Topic: 1303 Message: 1314

On Sun, 20 Nov 2011 19:10:14 -0000
"f_skinner" <f_skinner@...> wrote:

> Fred I must admit that I do not know what the SKCC QRP award looks
> like but I bet there is some great talent out there than can come up
> with something. What type of format to you use for those awards? It
> is power point or a PDF????

Frank,

I'm trying to remember; I think they start off as PowerPoint but get converted to pdf. Ron (AC2C) and I worked with Gene, KL7GLL, to develop the certificates used for WES participation.

With best regards,

Pete

--
Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1315. Adirondack "Park" Activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-20 22:23:17 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 1315 Message: 1315

The "Adirondack Park" was created by constitutional amendment in 1892 by the State of New York to protect the water and timber resources of the region. The "Park" is the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States, greater in size than Yellowstone, Everglades, Glacier, and Grand Canyon National Parks combined. The boundary (called the "blue line") encompasses approximately 6 million acres. The state land in the Adirondacks is constitutionally protected to remain "forever wild" forest preserve. However 51% of the land is private, so the Adirondacks are not a park in the usual sense.

The Adirondack Park is in the NYS POTA list, and people have listed activation. However, it seems to me that it really doesn't fit the definition of the park in the way we are using it here in POTA.

My family home is in the Adirondacks, and I operate from there often. So under the present definition I have probably "activated" the park at least 50 times since the inception of POTA.

However I suggest that we revisit the Adirondack Park under POTA so that one has to actually be in a park or park-like area to claim activation.

There are in fact many state campgrounds in the Adirondacks that do fit the usual definition of a park, in that they are well-defined areas with facilities such as campsites, beaches, washrooms, etc. Typically during the camping season day use and camping fees are charged.

If we wanted to broaden the number of distinct areas that could be "activated" then there is also the opportunity to do that by defining/listing each forest preserve unit management area separately. Virtually all of these areas can be reached by car or by a short walk from a road, and all of these areas are open to the public at all times with no entrance fee.

I think that it is a good idea to add the state campgrounds as distinct parks and also divide the rest of the Adirondack Park" into segments using the areas already defined by NYS.

Here is a listing of my recent activations in the Jessup River Wild Forest:

Sunday 11/6/11
Fish Mountain SOTA W2/GA-316 Sunday el. 2474'
this is about a 30 minute bushwhack from the nearest road
vertical ascent about 600 feet
IC-703+ portable G5RV
10W
2:00 7.200 KA3VFW Bill PA
2:15 7.196 VA3IF Sp.Event @ Col. John McRae House (poem "In Flanders Fields") Guelph ON
2:25 7.185 WA1HFQ Joe Wetheresfield CT
2:26 7.185 K2RRF Rich Trenton NJ
2:50 28.327 WK0DX mobile Orb SW Kansas trying out DX-70T from son
2:50 28.327 KF5NDJ Logansport LA (northeast) TS520 first contact on TS 520

5W
3:15 28.490 KF5MGA John Dallas TX
3:30 28.485 KD5SRW John South central Oklahoma
4:05 28.485 K6RHH Steve New Mexico works SOTA as activator and chaser

11/7/11
Pillsbury Mountain Monday SOTA W2/GA-027 el. 3604'
this is a 1.6 mile hike from the trailhead
vertical ascent about 1500 feet
IC-703+ 10W portable G5RV
one end of antenna @40' on Fire Tower, other end 7'
time freq call name location Rx Tx -notes
1:45 7255 K3YUB ECARS
1:50 28386 EI9JU Gerry County Donnegal NW Ireland 59 59
1:55 28415 CO8LY Eduardo Sandiago de Cuba 55 55
2:00 28510 KB2/N3XF St Croix USVI 55 59 -84° and rain
2:15 28350 W1NJ Mark central FL 58 59 -Buddipole w elevated wire counterpoise
2:20 28327 NS7P Phil Oregon 59 59 -posted spot on SOTAwatch
~ " KJ4DHS Chuck FL 59 59
~ " W7JCV Sand Point ID near Canadian border 59 59
3:00 " KF5JHY MS 59 59
~ " WD0C Chas Colorado Springs 59 59+ -Flex 5000 3el StepIR. he went to 1W still S5-7
~ " KF5JXP Harold Duncan OK -706MKII Inverted V
3:15 " AE7PM Lane County Oregon 57 57
3:20 " KD6UBX Shaun Lodi CA 57 59 -857D 5/8 vertical
3:26 " VE7KBN Ken near Vancouver BC 55 45
3:28 " W4VHS Venice FL 59 47 -school station

in addition, I worked the following stations on 11/13 and 11/14 using an Alinco DX-70T (100W) and a 10M vertical madeout of a 1/4 wave piece of wire on a board sticking up from the edge of the porch roof using the metal roof as a ground plane.

11/13/11
1720Z 28458.5 CU7MD Azores Islands 59 59
1725Z 28335 EA5HVY Juan Spain, Murcia City southern Spain 75W 4el monoband 59 59
2215Z 28328 KL1HB Pete Alaska, 65M N of Fairbanks IC710 Mosley 3el TA-33 55 55
2230Z 28331 KE5PKZ Gene TX 897, Buddpole. 2nd contact as General KL1HB first 59 59
2253Z 28429 JA0MVW Ken Niigata, Japan 500W 3 el@25m 59 59
2300Z 28450 K0VOA Stan Greeley CO on the plains 4000' elevation 57 57
2316Z 28366 VE5CDO Dan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (SK) IC7000, Antron 99 59 59

11/14/11
1511Z 28342.7 G4RUW Roger England, 75km W of London Ft2000, 200W, 2el delta loop 58 59
1535Z 28406 OM3TWM Vlado Slovakia stacked 6+6 Yagi, 1KW 58 58
1730Z 28457 AD5MD Ernie Brownsville TX 6 band x beam 300w 55 59
1930Z 28376 WG0K Dave Lincoln, NE homebrew vertical 2 hamsticks 59 59

1316. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Special POTA QSLs

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-21 01:00:59 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1309 Message: 1316

I always include the POTA logo... It has added a couple of new members when they get the card. I also do the "take a picture" thing, use K2RFP's qsl card maker and then go to my local camera store to out put them at about 25 cents each. I really like the POTA logo and use it on my web page (_www.kb4qqj.com_ (http://www.kb4qqj.com)) linked to the POTA yahoo group as well as my QRZ bio.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/20/2011 12:56:34 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, f_skinner@... writes:

I like to think I am getting better about this. After talking with Fred I realized that I never put anything about POTA on the card. The one for Pueblo Lake will have POTA and a link to the yahoo group

1317. Re: Special POTA QSLs

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-21 01:10:26 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1309 Message: 1317

Randy, thanks. I did not know there was a logo..... I will make sure to include the logo next time. This time I have POTA and the URL. Hopefully that will bring some new people to the group.

72
Frank
K0JQZ

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>
> Randy_KB4QQJ
>
>
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>
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>

1318. Interesting Event, Back by Request

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-22 15:45:43 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1318 Message: 1318

Well the first two events were a great success and by popular request the event is back again. SO:

Come one come all, old timers and young guns alike.
This is an EVENT to test or improve your skills and have blast doing it.

Get ready for some CW Fun! It is billed as an event and not
a contest and is like no other CW activity that I know of.
CW Sweepstakes would be the closest.If you like SS you will like this!
All amateur operators are welcome and encouraged to participate at the speed and
level you wish. You can play by sending, receiving or BOTH!.

The registration window is open at http://cwfun.org/ or if you registered for the last one just use the same word list.

73 for now and I hope to work you in the event,
Randy_KB4QQJ

1319. Black Friday Buddipole on the Beach!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-11-22 21:05:27 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 1319 Message: 1319

Better than shopping!
When: Friday 25 November
Where: Hammonasset Beach State Park in CT. on Long Island Sound. First activation! Give me a 'Five!'
Approx: 41˚15' N, 72˚32'45" W
Who: Barclay/WU1B
Start:1600 UTC or shortly thereafter.
Freq(s): 10 meters- 28.3275 and up depending on band condix and if the band is open.
If not, move to: 17 meters - 18.1575 +/- (preferred)
or 20 meters - 14.3425 +/- (secondary)
Will not be able to self-spot, a post when heard is appreciated.

1320. QRP ARCI 2012 Contest Announcements!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-01 00:23:44 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1320

The QRP ARCI webmaster, Steve, has populated the 2012 Contest Announcement site at www.qrparci.org with ALL of the details for ALL of the upcoming contests! Good job, Steve!!

So, there ya go - rules for all of the QRP ARCI contests through December, 2012 are available for viewing. In an aside note sort of way ---- that'll make it far easier for me when I write up my Contest Manager inputs for the four QQ magazines....don't need to waste trees posting the entire rules for upcoming events when y'all can, simply, go to the web site and glean the required information.

72, and see ya in the QRP ARCI Top Band Sprint as well as the ARRL, Stew Perry and CQ 160 contests coming up over the next two months (those would be the CW versions, ya know?!?!?)

Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1321. REMINDER Interesting Event, Back by Request

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-02 01:43:24 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1318 Message: 1321

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "kb4qqj" <KB4QQJ@...> wrote:
>
> Well the first two events were a great success and by popular request the event is back again. SO:
>
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>
> The registration window is open at http://cwfun.org/ or if you registered for the last one just use the same word list.
>
> 73 for now and I hope to work you in the event,
> Randy_KB4QQJ
>

1322. QRP ARCI 160 meter Top Band Sprint is over!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-02 15:49:27 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1322 Message: 1322

A hearty thanks to all who participated in last night's Top Band Sprint! Logs are starting to show up via e-mail so keep those cards and letters coming.

If you opt to send me a paper log just remember to let me know you're doing that prior to the two week window closing - logs are due to me by 17 December so if you're gonna mail a log in, let me know in case snail mail holds it up some, OK?

Results will be compiled and entered into a spreadsheet by COB on the 17th (assuming I have received all of the snail mail entries) AND should be posted by our webmaster, Steve, within 2 to 3 days of the 17th!

I'll continue to work towards having it all processed within the two week window deadline as I know you enjoy seeing those results SOONEST! I know I do!

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1323. RE: QRP ARCI 160 meter Top Band Sprint is over!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-02 16:23:42 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1322 Message: 1323

Annnnnnnd, a reminder to all that I'll take your summary page and log in any format you want, especially if it's in Excel or .txt format --- but, any of the logging program fiole formats work as well 'cuz I've figured out how to change those logging program files into a text document and import it to Excel so I can then sort your log info to check your claimed score!

It's a slightly antiquated way of doing it but --- it works for this 'ol fart!

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

From: rodenkirch_llc@...
To: nogaqrp@yahoogroups.com; qrp-l@...; members@qrp-canada.com; qrpadillos@yahoogroups.com; qfox@yahoogroups.com; p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca; at_sprint@yahoogroups.com; hwardsil@...; ten-tec516@yahoogroups.com; rock-mite_group@yahoogroups.com
Subject: QRP ARCI 160 meter Top Band Sprint is over!
Date: Fri, 2 Dec 2011 08:49:27 -0700

A hearty thanks to all who participated in last night's Top Band Sprint! Logs are starting to show up via e-mail so keep those cards and letters coming.

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1324. (no subject)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-07 00:17:07 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1324

We had a successful Top Band Spring, in terms of participation, this past Thursday, 1 December, and now looking forward to a relaxed contest/event.......the Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint! It's a four hour contest for home constructors and kit builders and runs from 2000Z to 2359Z on Sunday 18th December 2011.

It's a fun CW contest to encourage homebrewers to get on the air with some added incentives in the form of 5000 bonus points per band if using a homemade (including kit) transceiver - if you are operating a Home Brew Transmitter only, add 2000 points per band; if you're operating a Home Brew Receiver only, add 3000 points per band.

Additionally, to encourage more portable operations - not quite "the same" as operating a Home Brew rig BUT to encourage more participation - if you are "out in the field" you can garner 5000 points for putting up with the colder temps!

Go here - www.qrparci.org for all of the details (the Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint is "above the fold" until the contest kicks off) and be certain to read the "rules" regarding what constitutes "home brew" - see the Bonus Points section under Paragraph H!

Lookin' forward to seeing many participants and log entries. This is more a fun event than an actual contest albeit, you can garner a seriously nice lookin' certificate if you choose to enter the event! Categories entries run the gamut from All-Band (AB), Single Band (SB-160, 80, 40, 20, 15 or 10), High Bands, HB, (10m, 15m and 20m) or Low Bands, LB (40m, 80m and 160m). Personally, I think the Single Band, SB, categories are where certificates can be garnered more easily than in the other categories.

If you have any questions please contact the Contest Manger at contests@...

Lookink' forward to hearing and working you during this fun event - constructors should be interested in operating during this event as it gives you an opportunity to show off your accomplishments AND meet other like-minded operators.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1325. Upcoming QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-07 00:18:57 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1325

We had a successful Top Band Spring, in terms of participation, this past Thursday, 1 December, and now looking forward to a relaxed contest/event.......the Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint! It's a four hour contest for home constructors and kit builders and runs from 2000Z to 2359Z on Sunday 18th December 2011.

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Additionally, to encourage more portable operations - not quite "the same" as operating a Home Brew rig BUT to encourage more participation - if you are "out in the field" you can garner 5000 points for putting up with the colder temps!

Go here - www.qrparci.org for all of the details (the Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint is "above the fold" until the contest kicks off) and be certain to read the "rules" regarding what constitutes "home brew" - see the Bonus Points section under Paragraph H!

Lookin' forward to seeing many participants and log entries. This is more a fun event than an actual contest albeit, you can garner a seriously nice lookin' certificate if you choose to enter the event! Categories entries run the gamut from All-Band (AB), Single Band (SB-160, 80, 40, 20, 15 or 10), High Bands, HB, (10m, 15m and 20m) or Low Bands, LB (40m, 80m and 160m). Personally, I think the Single Band, SB, categories are where certificates can be garnered more easily than in the other categories.

If you have any questions please contact the Contest Manger at contests@...

Lookink' forward to hearing and working you during this fun event - constructors should be interested in operating during this event as it gives you an opportunity to show off your accomplishments AND meet other like-minded operators.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1326. POTA activation submissions

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-07 23:31:29 UTC
From: ke4zwd
Topic: 1326 Message: 1326

where do I submit my activation information and logs to and what format do the logs need to be in? Thanks Dallas KE4ZWD

1327. Activation Alert: KØMOS on Deer Mountain, RMNP - CO) on 12/10- ~1800 UTC

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-09 15:57:47 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1327 Message: 1327

I am trying to activate W0/FR-155 (Deer Mountain) in Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) for SOTA. Deer Mountain is within the Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP).

Date: 10 December 2011
Time: Approx. 1800 UTC ☐ 2000 UTC
Location: N-Colorado
Elevation: 3046 m / 10013 ft
Call Sign: KØMOS
Frequencies: 14.3425-ssb +/- QRM
146.52-fm

QRP only. I guess I don't even have to try 10 m due to the contest. I will setup on 20 m and monitor 2m in case there are local chasers.

Equipment: FT-817ND / Buddipole versatee vertical

Keep your ears/antennas pointed towards Colorado.

Thanks

Matt / KØMOSW0

1328. Group is still active

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-11 14:42:03 UTC
From: VE3FAL-Fred
Topic: 1328 Message: 1328

Gang:
Good morning, i have had many questions thrown to me about the group and if it is still active. Answer is yes.Our log keeper had a computer crash a few months ago and was unable to put logs in the file.
Since then I have not heard from anyone else except for myself and those who have made activations.
Those who have made activations please submit an excel log to me please so I can put in same format on yahoo group page and I will then load them up.
I have been working hard trying to come up with some awards and other activities as well. I thank some of you folks who have stepped up to volunteer for various tasks and who have ideas to make this a huge success..

Please email me with any thoughts and questions..

Fred
VE3FAL

1329. Re: Group is still active

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-11 15:35:54 UTC
From: John Taylor
Topic: 1328 Message: 1329

Tnx fer the work.

John Taylor,K0QH

1330. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Group is still active

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-11 15:42:39 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 1328 Message: 1330

fred i've done an update to the florida log, but i have no way of uploading it the file up there needs deleting so i can put it up?

charlie

1331. Successful SOTA activation: K0MOS in Rocky Mountain N.P.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-11 21:17:18 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1331 Message: 1331

I successfully activated Deer Mountain for SOTA in Rocky Mountain N.P yesterday. It was a perfect day, temps just a few degrees below freezing, blue skies and sunshine. Took me two hours for the 3 miles and 1658 ft to the summit through 1-2 feet of snow. Taking the snow shoes was certainly the right decision. Activated on 17m (a first for me)and 20 m. Besides the great views and nice weather, the highlights were the QSOs with NH6Z and W7RIS on SOTA W7/CC-118 and with EB2CZF (Jose) in Spain... ~7900 km / 4900 miles on 5 W on 17m with vertical BP. I worked this station before, but from the other side of the pond on my SOTA activations in Austria.

Complete trip report will follow.

73, Matt / KØMOS

1332. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Group is still active

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-12 12:59:28 UTC
From: Wayne Dillon
Topic: 1328 Message: 1332

Thanks for the hard work Fred, much appreciated.
One of the guys here in the 4 State QRP group came up with an idea you may find useful. We started a "W25" award, basically work 25 of the group and submit your log for the award. So how about an award for working a number of the activations? and maybe an award for someone who activates a given number of parks?
Just a thought.
Wayne - KC0PMH

On Sun, Dec 11, 2011 at 8:42 AM, VE3FAL-Fred <ve3fal@tbaytel.net> wrote:

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> if it is still active. Answer is yes.Our log keeper had a computer crash a
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QRP - *EFFICIENCY AND SKILL, NOT POWER.*
http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh (under construction but please visit anyway)

I'm British by birth but American by CHOICE!

Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owe a debt we cannot pay...

May the Good Lord make His face to shine upon you.
God Bless from Wayne Dillon

Joshua 24:14-15
2 Cor 5:17
1 Jn 2:17

FPQRP #342 (Flying Pigs QRP Club)
G-QRP-C #11504
NAQCC # 0759
QRP-ARCI #11505
SKCC #1155
SOC #848
30MDG#1176
NEQRP #693

1333. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Group is still active

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-12 13:12:26 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1328 Message: 1333

> Gang:
> (snip)
> Please email me with any thoughts and questions..
>
Just a thought... (gets on soapbox with large megaphone) IT'S FREAKIN COLD!!! (gets off soapbox) I love goin out and settin up in Parks and ratchetjawin on 6 Meters FM, but it's too bloody cold to do anything... Wake me up when it's Spring!!!

> Fred
> VE3FAL

Andy N8OFS GOT6??? SMIRK#6737 IHRAS#0007
The CrAzY 6 Meter FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy
I'll stick a "DOMINATOR" on AnYtHiNg that'll get me wallpaper...

1334. Log deadline fast approaching for the QRP ARCI Top Band Sprint

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-12 22:06:13 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1334

A gentle reminder that the 17th of December is the last date for log submissions if you participated in the Top Band Sprint and interested in posting a score.

Have received several paper logs and ooodles of e-mailed logs - looks like we'll be close to 50 participants this time around which is a noteworthy improvement over the average of 24!

Thanks to all that participated and submitted their logs --- you've still got 5 more days to get your log in to me.

Hope to hear and work you in the upcoming Stew Perry contest. 72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1335. First POTA Activation in Venezuela

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-14 22:34:33 UTC
From: Dario Efrain Carrera Vegas
Topic: 1335 Message: 1335

YX6AJ from the ANGEL FALLS

It is with great pleasure that I get to announce to all of my fellow POTA friends the very first activation of Parks on the Air in Venezuela. The Venezuelan Radio Club (radio Club Venezolano) YV5AJ has arranged a very noteworthy expedition to the ANGEL FALLS, located in Canaima National Park.

The expedition will transmit as *YX6AJ*

They will be transmitting from January 3rd to January 6th in all modes and bands, even Satellite.

Sadly, I will not be able to attend but I have already arranged with the TEAM leaders to receive the logs for confirmation. However with the tem will be Edwin Rivera YV5HUJ a very experienced CW operator and POTA member.

Information:
http://www.qrz.com/db/yx6aj

Hope you can all take full advantage of this oportunity!!!

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73's

Dario Carrera Vegas
YY5DCV

1336. Re: [p_o_t_a_] First POTA Activation in Venezuela

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-15 00:09:01 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 1335 Message: 1336

On 12/14/2011 05:34 PM, Dario Efrain Carrera Vegas wrote:
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> Venezuelan Radio Club (radio Club Venezolano) YV5AJ has arranged a very
> noteworthy expedition to the ANGEL FALLS, located in Canaima National
> Park.

That's marvelous, Dario. I'll sure fire up the rig!

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1337. Re: [p_o_t_a_] First POTA Activation in Venezuela

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-15 00:44:07 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1335 Message: 1337

Great news, I will be listening for your crew and hope to work you at least once from Angel Falls.

All the best and Happy Holidays, Feliz Navidad

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

On Wed, 14 Dec 2011 18:34:33 -0400
Dario Efrain Carrera Vegas <yy5dcv@...> wrote:
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YY5DCV

1338. Upcoming QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-16 15:47:52 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1252 Message: 1338

You are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Holiday Spirits
Home Brew Sprint that's hosted by QRP ARCI on the 18th of December from
2000Z to 2359Z.
f using a homemade (including kit) transceiver. You can earn another 5000 points if operating portable using a battery and temporary antenna, as well!

It's a fun CW contest geared towards encouraging home brewers to get on
the air.

An incentive or two: You will earn 5000 bonus points per band if using a homemade (including kit) transceiver as well as another 5000 points if operating portable using a battery and temporary antenna!

Remember QRP ARCI is an international club ao we are particularly keen on encouraging participation from Europe and Asia.

The Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint is a great opportunity to make 2-way homebrew-homebrew QSOs with other QRPers. Rules can be found at the ARCI web site - www.qrparci.org

I hope to hear and work you from southwest Utah and I look forward to receiving a flurry of log submittals from those of you who can devote
some time for this fun event. As an aside note: we have a great turn out, seen in the numbers of logs submitted, for the recent Top Band Sprint and certainly hope to see an increase in the numbers of participants and the follow-on log submissions for this fun event.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV

QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1339. Re: First POTA Activation in Venezuela

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-17 16:04:39 UTC
From: YV5HUJ
Topic: 1335 Message: 1339

Warm greetings to you all dear POTA friends

As Dario says we hope to make contact with you guys from this wonderful and unique place in the world.

In wikipedia you will get detailed information and you will see some pictures of this waterfall wich is the highest in the world:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angel_Falls
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Angel_Falls>
Also, I would like to invite you to see the YX6AJ DXpedition promotional video on youtube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57lufNJtftk
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57lufNJtftk>

I will operate CW while my colleagues will operate SSB, Satellites, SSTV and digital modes. We are willing to cover all bands depending on the possibility of installing antennas there (please take a look at Youtube video)

QSL info: As indicated at QRZ.com (QSLL 100%)
Grid locator FJ85rx

Best 72, 73 es GD DX
Edwin - YV5HUJ

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> 73's
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> Dario Carrera Vegas
> YY5DCV
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1340. QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint is over!!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-19 18:27:26 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1340 Message: 1340

The Sprint if over and the logs are rolling in - we're half way to meeting the average in log submittals and it's not even one day later so thanks to all that have sent in their logs. To those who did participate in the Home Brew Sprint, you are encouraged to send your logs in, via e-mail, or via snail mail - either way works for me!

Go to www.qrparci.org and on the front page you'll see the Sprint at the top of the listings...click on "read more" and you'll find the info regarding e-mail or snail mail address along with a list of the information that's required.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1341. Certificate Stickers

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-21 13:21:59 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1341 Message: 1341

Gang:

I want to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and all the best in 2012.
From myself, Teresa and the family we hope all of your families have a great holiday.

Moving forward into 2012 I have a few ideas for awards hashed out now, and looking at the list of Parks already numbered/activated it wont be hard for many to gain these awards now.

I am very busy right now and will be updating some of the listings hopefully during the holiday season when not at work.

I am wondering if we have anyone on our lists who work in a print shop or knows of a place I can obtain stickers for the certificates for different levels of Parks worked.

I was thinking 5 would be a start, move to 10,20,30 on up to 100, or go in different denominations like 5,15,25,50,75,100 etc....

Let me know and I will check out some of our local print shops in the new year and see what they have to offer$$$...

Thanks for all your support and patience in this past year..

Fred
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http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

1342. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-22 03:14:55 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1342

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /North Carolina Park Numbers/NCPOTA-numbers.xls
Uploaded by : kb4qqj <KB4QQJ@...>
Description : NC Parks with numbers

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/North%20Carolina%20Park%20Numbers/NCPOTA-numbers.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

kb4qqj <KB4QQJ@...>

1343. South Carolina finally on the POTAmap

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-23 22:17:10 UTC
From: ke4zwd
Topic: 1343 Message: 1343

Just uploaded my log for the activation on 12/3/2011 for Oconee State Park had a bunch of fun.
73 KE4ZWD Dallas

1344. Re: [p_o_t_a_] South Carolina finally on the POTAmap

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-23 22:28:34 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1343 Message: 1344

> Just uploaded my log for the activation on 12/3/2011 for Oconee State Park
> had a bunch of fun.

Cool... Glad ya had fun... You should consider activating another SC
State Park for the SC QSO Party in mid-September 2012... :)

> 73 KE4ZWD Dallas

Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737 IHRAS#0007
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...

1345. ...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-26 02:06:55 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1345 Message: 1345

http://www.happyhardcore.com/radio/

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We will continue to RAVE TIL DEATH, no matter what the USA's unconstitutional illegal nazi communist law's dictate; RAVER'S UNITE, RAVE TIL DEATH!!!

1346. ...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-26 03:49:40 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1345 Message: 1346

http://www.samination.se/mixes.php

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1347. qrz.com infected?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-26 20:03:28 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1347 Message: 1347

I picked up a bad computer virus and it may have come from qrz.com.

Bil

1348. YX6AJ - The magnificence of Angel Falls

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-28 12:56:45 UTC
From: YY5DCV - Dario Carrera
Topic: 1348 Message: 1348

Dear POTA Friends, I'd like to invite you to witness the marvel that really is Angel falls. My friend Edwin YV5HUJ (member of POTA), shared the following link, and I like to share it with you so you may see what Angels Falls is really like from any height.

YX6AJ expedition will be transmitting from the very top of the Tepuy from the 3rd to the 6th of January as you already know. However, with this link, you may bear witness to the magnificence of the site and imagine the logistical challenge that will be the expedition. I encourage all hams, not to lose the opportunity to work the station and receive the QSL card that will come from this magnificent expedition.

On the link you can swing around, zoom in and out, and look at it from different heights.

Enjoy!!!

http://www.airpano.ru/files/Angel-Waterfall-Venezuela/start_ultra_high_r.html

73's,

Dario Carrera

YY5DCV

FK60NL

1349. QRP ARCI's Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-28 15:08:46 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1349 Message: 1349

Well, the deadline for the submission of logs from the Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint is approach - need to have logs submitted by 3 January.

So far, we're at around 30 submitted with an average submittal rate of around 43 so if'n you're setting on the fence about submitting a log, just go and 'get 'er done' as we'd love to see participation numbers that sort of hold true to the mid-40s average.

Thank you to all that did participate and submit a log so far and best wishes for a great 2012!

Don't forget about the two contest coming up in January, 2012 ---- the Pet Rock Sprint Celebration (great way to showcase your xtal controlled rigs) and the Winter Fireside SSB Sprint (a great way to get on and "hear" your QRP brethren vice recognizing them by their fists).

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1350. Re: YX6AJ - The magnificence of Angel Falls

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-29 22:03:25 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 1348 Message: 1350

Dario, Truly a magnificent spot! Do tell the team to "Stay Away From The Edge!!", wouldn't want to lose anyone.
Will they be posting frequencies? Or shall we just listen, then spot?

73, and my best wishes to the team,
Barclay/wu1b

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> 73's,
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> Dario Carrera
> YY5DCV
> FK60NL
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1351. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Re: YX6AJ - The magnificence of Angel Falls

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-30 15:16:07 UTC
From: YY5DCV - Dario Carrera
Topic: 1348 Message: 1351

Many hams in YV will surely be posting the frequencies on the cluster and on different websites, rss, etc. Its hard to know the frequencies beforehand because as all of you know that depends on many factors, But the frequencies will surely be posted. I have plans to travel during those days but, should the plans fail, I will surely let you all know the operating frequencies! The team has already had a meeting going over some safety rules during the expedition. Likewise they wer also advised to keep the site as clean or cleaner than they found it.

Att,

Dario Carrera

YY5DCV

FK60NL

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of wu1bmobile
Sent: Jueves, 29 de Diciembre de 2011 17:33 p.m.
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: YX6AJ - The magnificence of Angel Falls

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> Dario Carrera
> YY5DCV
> FK60NL
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1352. YX6AJ Band plan

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2011-12-30 19:48:08 UTC
From: YY5DCV - Dario Carrera
Topic: 1352 Message: 1352

Guys, Edwin YV5HUJ, was kind enough to forward me an advanced copy of the frequencies they expect or plan to be using during the expedition to Angel Falls YX6AJ. Good luck!

Also expect them to be operating SATELLITES.

Att,

Dario Carrera

YY5DCV

FK60NL

BAND

CW

SSB

RTTY

6M

50.105

50.115

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10M

28.024

28.495

28.080

12M

24.894

24.945

24.921

15M

21.024

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14.145

14.080

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7.035

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3.524

3.780

160M

1.824

1.845

1353. Phoenix ATV Nets tonight - Sunday

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-02 00:43:38 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1353 Message: 1353

6:30 and 7:30 PM. MST

batc.tv
ATV repeaters
Highlight W7ATV
Click on View Stream.

Testing now in progress.

Bil
K1ATV HAM TV
Mesa AZ

1354. QRP ARCI contests/events scheduled for January, 2012

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-03 16:54:29 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1354 Message: 1354

So, 2012 is here and there are two events during the month of January::

First
off is the 2012 QRP ARCI PET ROCK CELEBRATION this coming Saturday, 7 January, 2012 from 1500Z to 1800Z on 7 January 2012. Mode of operation is CW and the exchange is: Members send: RST, State/Province/Country, ARCI member number while Non-Members send: RST, State/Province/Country, Power Out

Dust off those xtal-controlled rigs and get in on this
neat, fun event. There are bonus points for xtal-controlled rigs so visit www.qrparci.org and click on the "QRP ARCI contest" link on the left to see the rules. If you're going to enter this event, or even if you aren't and are just "cruising around on the bands," please remember to visit the additional frequencies where rock-bound enthusiasts are hanging out these days, e.g., 7100 to 7125, as they sure would appreciate getting a chance to show off their rigs as well as gain experience via QSOs with us all!

Second is the 2012 QRP ARCI
Winter Fireside SSB Sprint that is scheduled for the 29th of January, 2012 from 2000Z to 2359Z. Mode of operation is SSB (I believe I have a microphone around here somewhere) and the exchange, for members is RS, State/Province/Country, ARCI member number while non-members send RS, State/Province/Country, Power Out

Again,
check the contest link at the web site for the "particulars" as there is a nice bonus point addition for operating portable! I'll be certain to wash my throat out with SOMETHING so I can join in the fun!

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1355. YX6AJ cancelled until further notice

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-05 13:04:34 UTC
From: YY5DCV - Dario Carrera
Topic: 1355 Message: 1355

Due to technical problems with the military helicopters that were going to provide the transportation, the YX6AJ expedition has been cancelled until further notice. As soon as we know anything we'll let you all know. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Att,

Dario Carrera

YY5DCV

FK60NL

1356. French Island National Park activation Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 January 2012

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-05 20:50:10 UTC
From: Peter Fraser
Topic: 1356 Message: 1356

This weekend Matt VK2ADF and Peter VK3ZPF will be activating the French Island National Park using callsign VK3SAT as part of the Keith Roget Memorial National Park Award http://www.amateurradio.com.au/awards

They are heading over on the ferry on Saturday morning carrying everything for the activation in back packs. Once arriving on the island they will hike to the camping ground and hope to be on air from 0200 UTC until 1000 UTC (Sat 1 pm - 9 pm local) and then again from 2100 UTC to 2359 UTC (Sun 8 am - 11 am local).

VK3SAT will be using wire antennas and QRP rigs powered from sealed lead acid batteries and lithium ion batteries.

A schedule of times and frequencies is at http://www.qrz.com/db/VK3SAT

VK3SAT will attempt to keep the published schedule, but please understand that they have limited battery capacity and are at the mercy of the weather.

French Island, located to the south east of Melbourne, is also part of the OC-136 IOTA group.

73
Peter VK3ZPF
(e) vk3zpf@...
(w) http://vk3zpf.blogspot.com/

1357. RE: QRP ARCI's Holiday Spirits Home Brew Sprint

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-07 20:02:09 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1349 Message: 1357

The 2012 Pet Rock contest is over and three logs already submitted! If you participated you are encouraged to submit your log and summary sheet. Visit www.qrparci.org and look up the "rules" for the contest to see what information is needed to be included in your summary sheet.

Looking forward to seeing the log entries! 72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1358. Fwd: Met this group today in Mesa, AZ

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-14 17:28:49 UTC
From: Kieth Cook
Topic: 1358 Message: 1358

Hi Judy,

We sure enjoyed meeting all of you the other day and I wanted to say thanks for the welcome and all the information. Look for my sister to stop by and say hello again some day as she walks through the park. Also, next Thursday you may meet another Minnesota couple Herb and Lois Mass w0hm and ka0vbg as we visited with them the next day and told them to stop by if they had a chance.

See you again next time we are in town,

Kieth Cook wi0s
Karen Cook kd0arc

73

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: Kieth Cook <kiethcook.wi0s@...>
Date: Thu, Jan 12, 2012 at 6:09 PM
Subject: Met this group today in Mesa, AZ
To: ka0csw@..., lojmaas@..., Scott Kolar <
scottkolar@...>
Cc: kiethcook.wi0s@..., skcc@yahoogroups.com

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/CQ%20article.pdf

This is a pdf file of Judy's story that was published in CQ magazine. What a fun group. There were about a dozen of them in the park today having a blast.

wi0s

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Kieth Cook
4559 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

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Kieth Cook
4559 Wilshire Blvd
Mound, MN 55364

1359. Activation Alert: K0MOS in RMNP - CO on 01/15 - ~1930

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-14 17:59:18 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1359 Message: 1359

I am trying to activate Deer Mountain for SOTA which is within the Rocky Mountain National Park.

Date: 15 January 2012
Time: Approx.: 1930 UTC ☐ 2030 UTC
Location: N-Colorado / DN70ej
Elevation: 3046 M / 10013 ft - 4 (+3) Point(s)
Call Sign: KØMOS
Frequencies: 14.340-ssb +/- QRM / alt. freq.: 14.285-ssb

QRP (5W) only.
Equip.: FT-817 and vertical Buddipole

Keep your ears/antennas pointed towards Colorado.

Thanks

Matt / KØMOS

1360. Friday morning in a city park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-16 01:55:16 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1360 Message: 1360

It has taken me a few days to get to this as I got very sick yesterday.

I went to Fountain Creek Regional Park in Fountain Colorado less than 5 miles from the house and setup the Elecraft K1 and Buddistick. This was Friday morning about 0800 to 1030 or so. I only made two QSOs as the cold was getting to me. It was only 30 degrees but I forgot gloves and had to sit in the truck to warm up between QSOs. I thought about popping the top on the camper and operating from there like I usually do (85 watt solar cell and plenty of battery power plus heat) but I wanted to look at Pikes Peak while I operated.

Pictures are here:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/453083737/pic/list

Nothing spectacular, just an early morning with nothing to do. Not enough QSOs to activate the park but I want to try out the new High Sierra's Jaws type mount and the buddistick shock cord whip... Both products worked great and here is the links:

http://www.hamcq.com/antenna-and-mounts-for-hf-vhf-uhf-scanner-handheld/antenna-mounts-with-a-3/8-24-thread-for-hustler-hamstick-and-most-mobile-antennas/jaws-antenna-mount/prod_113.html

http://www.buddipole.com/mistshwh.html

I did have my first park to park QSO with Al, K2GHD/6 in Griffith Park in Hollywood CA.....

Frank
K0JQZ

1361. Last reminder re submitting logs for the Pet Rock Sprint!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-21 14:28:14 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1349 Message: 1361

Last reminder to submit your log(s) for the QRP ARCI Pet Rock event: Entries must be received via e-mail; if submitting via snail mail, your entry must be postmarked on or before
22 January, 2012 (and send me an e-mail to let me know that you are submitting via snail mail).

So far, we have 22 entries with Phil, K0CD and Don, W2JEK, leading the pack as far as entries for xtal controlled rigs are concerned! Phil and Don have posted scores that will be

difficult to best IF you don't turn in your logs - besides, participation numbers are what "works" when it comes time to decided which contests will be "supported" in 2013.

A reminder that the Winter Fireside Sprint is coming up - 2000Z to 2359Z on 29 January 2012. Mode of operating is SSB - I believe I have microphone around here somewhere!

The "usual rules," apply with standard bonus points available if you opt to operate portable. I'll be sorta tuckered out from operating in the CQ WW 160 contest over that weekend

BUT intend on working as many of you as possible during the Fireside Sprint - a new and very colorful certificate is available so check the various categories to see which category

might suit you and your station - get on the air with QRP SSB - it's all fun! Check this contest out, rules and all, at www.qrparci.org

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JW

QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1362. new to this

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-28 18:18:04 UTC
From: MICHAELH
Topic: 1362 Message: 1362

Is there a form used in park activation?

1363. Re: [p_o_t_a_] new to this

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 03:16:00 UTC
From: CHIEF OKRAHEAD
Topic: 1362 Message: 1363

IS THERE A FORM ?
KD5RGJ-SPENCER

On Sat, Jan 28, 2012 at 12:18 PM, MICHAELH <truckmaster62@...> wrote:

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> Is there a form used in park activation?
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1364. Re: [p_o_t_a_] new to this

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 03:18:11 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 1362 Message: 1364

No forms, at least not yet; just post to the list when, where, and a general sense for the bands you'll be using.

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "CHIEF OKRAHEAD" <okrahead1@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2012 10:16:00 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] new to this

IS THERE A FORM ?
KD5RGJ-SPENCER

On Sat, Jan 28, 2012 at 12:18 PM, MICHAELH < truckmaster62@... > wrote:

Is there a form used in park activation?

1365. Re: [p_o_t_a_] new to this

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 03:34:02 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1362 Message: 1365

If it is the first time for an activation of that park send your logs so it can get a park number....right Pete?

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 1/28/2012 10:18:13 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, w1pns@... writes:

No forms, at least not yet; just post to the list when, where, and a general sense for the bands you'll be using.

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

From: "CHIEF OKRAHEAD" <okrahead1@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Saturday, January 28, 2012 10:16:00 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] new to this

IS THERE A FORM ?
KD5RGJ-SPENCER

On Sat, Jan 28, 2012 at 12:18 PM, MICHAELH <_truckmaster62@..._ (mailto:truckmaster62@...) > wrote:

Is there a form used in park activation?

1366. Re: [p_o_t_a_] new to this

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 03:54:26 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 1362 Message: 1366

On 01/28/2012 10:34 PM, KB4QQJ@... wrote:
> If it is the first time for an activation of that park send your logs so it
> can get a park number....right Pete?
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> Randy_KB4QQJ
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Roger that. Five QSOs minimum. But if you're having fun, the log will
continue to fill.

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1367. Today's Fireside Sprint event!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 15:21:06 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1349 Message: 1367

OK - turned my log in for the CQ WW 160 contest - glad THAT'S over....my ears started bleeding yesterday morning from all of the band noise...but it's over and I scored a personal best for that contest and I'm pleased!

I found the microphone for my Ten Tec Argonaut V 516 so I'll be operating during the Fireside Sprint slated for 2000Z to 2359Z today. Look the rules and scoring and all at www.qrparci.org I'll be lookin' for y'all!

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1368. Re: new to this

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 19:44:50 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1362 Message: 1368

As far as I know, my activation of Harris County, Texas, George Bush Park has never been posted. I sent in the log in the fall of last year.

Travis
K5HTB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Pete Spotts <w1pns@...> wrote:
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>

1369. parksontheair.com

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 20:59:04 UTC
From: walscobry
Topic: 1369 Message: 1369

Just a FYI for any interested party. The domain "parksontheair.com" is now available.

Bryan
K4RKR

1370. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Re: new to this

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-29 21:46:51 UTC
From: goldtr8@charter.net
Topic: 1362 Message: 1370
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

[Attachment content not displayed]

1371. QRP ARCI Fireside Sprint is history!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-01-30 14:26:36 UTC
From: James Rodenkirch
Topic: 1349 Message: 1371

Well, the Fireside Sprint is over and we appreciate all that joined in for the fun. A reminder to submit your log(s) - regardless of the number of Qs, it's the known number of participants that helps us determine which contests/events remain "on the calendar" in the coming year(s). One fella turned in his log with one QSO and I thanked him for that as the logs all count and have weight!

Next up is the 2012 QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint from 1500Z to 1800Z on 10 March 2012. A little three hour session with a relaxed exchange.
The mode is CW.
The exchange is:
Members send: RST, 4 Digit Maidenhead Grid Square (i.e. FN02), ARCI member number.
Non-Members send: RST, 4 Digit Maidenhead Grid Square (i.e. FN02), Power Out

Lookin' forward to hearing and working you on the bands and in the various QRP ARCI contests/events.

72, Jim Rodenkirch, K9JWV
QRP ARCI Contest Manager

1372. Logs from my last three activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-02-02 00:22:54 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1372 Message: 1372

San Luis State Park, Alamosa County, Colorado (Elecraft K2 and Buddipole)
DATE ZULU CALLSIGN RPT TX RPT RX FREQ MODE COMMENTS
09/23/11 2118 AE0SL 559 559 14.060 CW Stan, Hugo MI
09/23/11 2226 KO8L 539 339 14.060 CW Dale, Cleveland, OH
09/23/11 2252 AA8MI 599 559 14.060 CW Gene, nr Toledo OH
09/23/11 2308 K7NEW 529 439 14.060 CW Mark, Sequim, WA
09/24/11 0125 WB6SZZ 579 579 14.060 CW Ray, Fremont CA
09/24/11 0226 K6JSS/6 539 539 14.060 CW Jack, CA
09/24/11 0314 W8JGI 599 599 14.060 CW Doug WV
09/24/11 1354 W9OUT 579 449 14.060 CW Hub Manitowac, WI
09/24/11 1409 W6ZKH 599 599 14.060 CW John, Tulare CA
09/24/11 1452 AA8MI 579 559 14.060 CW Gene, nr Toledo OH
09/24/11 1659 NG9D 429 229 14.060 CW Lynn, Plainfield, IL
09/24/11 1725 KE7GKM 559 579 14.060 CW Bob, Boise ID
09/24/11 1806 KA9UDA 559 229 14.060 CW Roger, Barstow CA
09/24/11 1819 K6HCJ 569 569 14.060 CW Marv nr LAX CA
09/24/11 2234 VE7EA 569 569 14.060 CW Larry, Victoria BC

Trinidad Lake State Park, Las Animas County, Colorado (Elecraft K2 and Buddipole)
DATE ZULU CALLSIGN RPT TX RPT RX FREQ MODE COMMENTS
10/07/11 2119 KU5Q 569 569 14.062 CW Terry, Coppell TX
10/07/11 2137 KD0V 559 559 14.060 CW Merlin Waseca, MN
10/07/11 2155 AA7EE 559 559 14.060 CW Dave, Oakland CA
10/07/11 2211 W6SQQ 559 559 14.062 CW Al, Orange CA
10/07/11 2337 KD0QV 559 449 14.062 CW Jim Iowa
10/07/11 2353 KD0APS 559 579 14.060 CW Sam Seymour, MO
10/08/11 0008 KE7LKW 559 449 14.060 CW Stewart White Salmon WA
10/08/11 0026 AB0TO 339 339 14.060 CW Dave Saint Louis, MO
10/08/11 1330 W4HEX 559 549 14.061 CW Will, Fairhope AL
10/08/11 1434 AA7EE 439 539 14.060 CW Dave, Oakland CA
10/08/11 1447 W4SWS 559 339 14.060 CW Scott, Dale Hollow Lake, TN
10/08/11 1943 N7YY 599 599 14.059 CW Bernie MT
10/08/11 1953 AC6YY 559 559 14.060 CW Ned, Santa Clara CA

Lake Pueblo State Park, Pueblo County, Colorado (Elecraft K1 and Buddipole)
DATE ZULU CALLSIGN RPT TX RPT RX FREQ MODE COMMENTS
11/19/11 1906 KB5IQJ 579 559 14.061 CW Don in TX
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11/19/11 2123 KD6SX 559 539 14.061 CW George, Oroville, CA
11/19/11 2333 VA6CA 579 559 14.059 CW Kam, Calgary AB

Kyle, good to see some activity from you again even if it is just in the files section. I hope everything is ok. Your presence has been missed.

I am hoping to get out again this weekend but we have a snow storm moving in. Its direction will determine which park I am in.

72
Frank
K0JQZ

1373. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Logs from my last three activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-02-02 03:01:26 UTC
From: VE3FAL-Fred
Topic: 1372 Message: 1373

Wow those are some great activations, BRAVO..
Fred
VE3FAL
----- Original Message -----
From: f_skinner
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2012 7:22 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Logs from my last three activations

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72
Frank
K0JQZ

1374. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Logs from my last three activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-02-02 03:26:28 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 1372 Message: 1374

Congrats.

charlie

1375. Re: Logs from my last three activations

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-02-02 11:34:36 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1372 Message: 1375

Thanks, we had plans to hit the state park in Ouray, Colorado in Dec but I found myself traveling home to NC twice that month. We like to get out to the state parks in the off season (it is part of the reason we bought a camper).

Ouray is out this weekend due to weather so I may look for one a little closer to home. Ther is nothing like waking up near a lake with fresh snow on the ground and no people as far as the eye can see. Camping, Radio and fishing..... All my favorite things.

Frank
k0JQZ
--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "Charles Blackburn" <ai4ri@...> wrote:
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> Congrats.
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>
> charlie
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1376. John Martin Reservoir State Park Activation in Colorado this weekend

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-01 00:00:55 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1376 Message: 1376

I will be operating portable this Friday (2 March) evening through Saturday (3 March) morning from John Martin Reservoir State Park in Hasty, Colorado (Bent County). I usually stick to the QRP freqs like 14.060 and mostly CW with my Elecraft K1 and Buddipole.

I am planning on testing my portable digital setup on PSK31 (Macbook, Signal Link USB and K2) while out there. This depends on much life the old macbook's battery has left in it. I will also be testing some antenna configurations of my buddipole/buddistick and pac12 antennas.

Power will be provided by batteries and solar cells.
I will be in my truck camper and will also try to get some fishing in so operating times may be sporadic.

http://www.parks.state.co.us/Parks/JohnMartinReservoir/Pages/John%20Martin%20Reservoir.aspx

QSL to my home address as listed in QRZ for an event specific QSL. NO SASE required.

This will be my 8th (7th state park and 1 national park) park activation and I know I have a few more in me before camping season for the masses starts up.

Frank
K0JQZ

1377. Grid Square Sprint

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-09 15:48:09 UTC
From: sullco
Topic: 1377 Message: 1377

I plan on operating portable tomorrow (Sat) from Jordan Lake State Park near Raleigh, NC in the ARCI Grid Square Sprint from 1500-1800 UTC

http://www.qrparci.org/

I'll be using my FT-857 QRP at 5W CW to a segmented dipole (Iditarod design) on 40 and 20 meters.

If you've got the rig on, please give me a shout.

tnx 73
Marc, W4MPS

1378. ATV transceiver on ebay

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-26 05:36:01 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1378 Message: 1378

This is the newest and last XCVR made by PC Electronics:

This is the one like mine.

It's currently going for 62 bux.

http://www.ebay.com/itm/NICE-ATV-Transmitter-Transceiver-Amateur-Television-TC70-20S-Transceiver-/230767152592?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_0&hash=item35bacb4dd0

Bil

1379. Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-26 22:57:42 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1379 Message: 1379

On 27 to 29 Mar 2012 I will be operating from Ridgeway State Park near Ouray Colorado. I will be QRP on battery/solar power, a K1 and Buddipole Antenna. (I may take the K2 as a backup, just in case)

http://www.parks.state.co.us/Parks/ridgway/Pages/RidgwayStateParkHome.aspx

Freqs will be near QRP freqs plus or minus (40, 30, 20 and 15 meters).

I will try and keep with the tradition of making a QSL card from a picture taken by myself or XYL while at the park.

72,
Frank
K0JQZ

1380. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-26 23:00:52 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 1379 Message: 1380

Have fun Frank, almost Park weather here, i will get out and operate some of the numbered Parks so we can get some awards rolling..

Fred
VE3FAL
----- Original Message -----
From: f_skinner
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 6:57 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Ridgeway State Park Activation

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72,
Frank
K0JQZ

1381. Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-28 01:56:32 UTC
From: Kieth
Topic: 1379 Message: 1381

Just worked Frank on 14.061.08. His Buddipole had blown over and been damaged but he was able to repair it with spare parts and had a great signal. He needs several more qso's to make it an official activation so sure hope he gets them.

73 Kieth wi0s

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> I will try and keep with the tradition of making a QSL card from a picture taken by myself or XYL while at the park.
>
> 72,
> Frank
> K0JQZ
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1382. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-28 14:29:09 UTC
From: Frank Skinner
Topic: 1379 Message: 1382

Thanks kieth, we packed up camp and am going to check out a national park Black Canyon Gunnison NP but do not know where we will end up. I barely got 5 asks for an activation. Thank you for the spot...

K0JQZ on the road

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2012, at 19:56, "Kieth" <kiethcook.wi0s@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Just worked Frank on 14.061.08. His Buddipole had blown over and been damaged but he was able to repair it with spare parts and had a great signal. He needs several more qso's to make it an official activation so sure hope he gets them.
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> 73 Kieth wi0s
>
> --- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "f_skinner" <f_skinner@...> wrote:
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> > On 27 to 29 Mar 2012 I will be operating from Ridgeway State Park near Ouray Colorado. I will be QRP on battery/solar power, a K1 and Buddipole Antenna. (I may take the K2 as a backup, just in case)
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> >
> > 72,
> > Frank
> > K0JQZ
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> TODAY(Beta) • Powered by Yahoo!
> Mogul spends $1 mil on child's sports career
> Bill Gates and his family reportedly leased a $12 million home to watch their daughter compete.
> Privacy Policy

1383. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-28 18:26:43 UTC
From: Frank Skinner
Topic: 1379 Message: 1383

We are headed to 11 mile state park. I will be on 14.060 + or -.

I should be on the air by 2200z

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2012, at 8:29, Frank Skinner <f_skinner@...> wrote:

> Thanks kieth, we packed up camp and am going to check out a national park Black Canyon Gunnison NP but do not know where we will end up. I barely got 5 asks for an activation.
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> TODAY(Beta) • Powered by Yahoo!
> Struggling Gingrich scales back campaign
> Running low on cash, the Republican candidate lays off a third of his staff and curtails travel.
> Privacy Policy

1384. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-28 22:52:07 UTC
From: Frank Skinner
Topic: 1379 Message: 1384

Now at Eleven Mile State Park. Need a few more contacts. On 14.061...
Frank
K0JQZ

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2012, at 8:29, Frank Skinner <f_skinner@...> wrote:

> Thanks kieth, we packed up camp and am going to check out a national park Black Canyon Gunnison NP but do not know where we will end up. I barely got 5 asks for an activation.
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1385. Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-29 00:29:46 UTC
From: Kieth
Topic: 1379 Message: 1385

Frank, I am listening for you on 14.061 again, its 0030Z. I have tomorrow off and will be able to work you multi bands if possible. What do you think?

Kieth

PS...could be 2xbuddipole/qrp if you want, if its nice I am planning to setup portable on our deck with buddipole.

72, 73

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Frank Skinner <f_skinner@...> wrote:
>
> Now at Eleven Mile State Park. Need a few more contacts. On 14.061...
> Frank
> K0JQZ
>
>

1386. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-29 00:55:16 UTC
From: Frank Skinner
Topic: 1379 Message: 1386

Kieth, I just shut down to grab chow and to spend time with the xyl. I do not think she will notice me answering email on my phone LOL.

We are heading home early in the AM. I got 5 QSOs from Eleven Mile State Park today so that is two more parks down..... Maybe another this weekend.

Frank
K0JQZ

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2012, at 18:29, "Kieth" <kiethcook.wi0s@gmail.com> wrote:

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> TODAY(Beta) • Powered by Yahoo!
> Buzzy yoga workout for guys, 'Broga'
> One studio has an unusual solution for men who associate the practice only with women.
> Privacy Policy

1387. Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-29 10:47:03 UTC
From: Kieth
Topic: 1379 Message: 1387

OK, Frank, you were very successful then, fb. Have a great trip and sure hope to work you again sometime. 72,73 Kieth wi0s GORC 351 skcc 2048t

1388. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-29 18:15:31 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1388

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /ColoradoStateParks&ActivationInfo 29 Mar 2012.xls
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Colorado State Park Activations as of 29 Mar 2012

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/ColoradoStateParks%26ActivationInfo%2029%20Mar%202012.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1389. Re: Ridgeway State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-03-29 18:25:37 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1379 Message: 1389

List of calls worked

Ridgway State Park, Ouray County, Colorado
KB9IVA
WD9F
KB1VEN
WI0S
KE7ZCU

Eleven Mile State Park, Park County, Colorado
KB5IQJ
VE2JCW
N9ZXL
W4MPS
KA4RUR

All contacts were 20 meters and CW.

I would have liked to worked more but I seemed to be very busy putting up antennas, fixing them after they got knocked down, tuning antennas, walks with the XYL etc etc....

I may go out again after work tomorrow but not sure.

Looks like I will be ordering more parts from Buddipole to fix what I broke.

Thanks to all

Frank
K0JQZ

1390. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 12:50:26 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1390

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/ColoradoStateParks&ActivationInfo 29 Mar 2012.xls
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Updated CO State Park Activation List

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/ColoradoStateParks%26ActivationInfo%2029%20Mar%202012.xls

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1391. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 12:51:04 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1391

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/Colorado Park Activation log entry form.docx
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Colorado State Park Entry Form (send to f_skinner@...)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/Colorado%20Park%20Activation%20log%20entry%20form.docx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1392. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 12:56:10 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1392

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/Colorado Park Entry Form (Email to f_skinner@...).xlsx
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : CO Park activation form (email to f_skinner@...)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/Colorado%20Park%20Entry%20Form%20%28Email%20to%20f_skinner%40yahoo.com%29.xlsx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1393. Colorado State Parks Folder

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:01:35 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1393 Message: 1393

I hope no one minds but I created a folder for Colorado State Parks and am in the process of populated that with the park activation list, an entry form to activate Colorado Parks and anything else related to parks in Colorado.

I think it will be easier to find information about Colorado Parks this way. At least it is for me.

I really hope activity picks up soon.

Frank
K0JQZ

1394. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:07:48 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1394

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/Trinidad Lake State Park Activation.docx
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Trinidad Lake State Park report

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/Trinidad%20Lake%20State%20Park%20Activation.docx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1395. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:15:28 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1395

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/11 mile qsl.jpg
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Eleven Mile State Park QSL (K0JQZ)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/11%20mile%20qsl.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1396. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:16:36 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1396

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/Great Sand Dunes QSL.jpg
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Great Sand Dunes NP QSL (K0JQZ)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/Great%20Sand%20Dunes%20QSL.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1397. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:17:05 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1397

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/Lake Pueblo QSL.jpg
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Lake Pueblo State Park QSL (K0JQZ)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/Lake%20Pueblo%20QSL.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1398. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:17:33 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1398

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/RidgwayQSL.jpg
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Ridgway State Park QSL (K0JQZ)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/RidgwayQSL.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1399. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:16:03 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1399

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/Cheyenne Mountain State Park QSL.jpg
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Cheyenne Mountain State Park QSL (K0JQZ)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/Cheyenne%20Mountain%20State%20Park%20QSL.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1400. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:18:05 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1400

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/San Luis State Park QSL Card.jpg
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : San Luis State Park QSL (K0JQZ)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/San%20Luis%20State%20Park%20QSL%20Card.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1401. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:18:32 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1401

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /COLORADO STATE PARKS/Trinidad QSL Card.jpg
Uploaded by : f_skinner <f_skinner@...>
Description : Trinidad State Park QSL (K0JQZ)

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/COLORADO%20STATE%20PARKS/Trinidad%20QSL%20Card.jpg

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

f_skinner <f_skinner@...>

1402. QSL Cards

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 13:23:04 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 264 Message: 1402

All, I have uploaded the QSLs I make for each activation (under files and Colorado folder). As you can tell I have evolved from doing something on the computer to having it printed at Walgreens (just about any place like walmart can do that). I do that all on-line and use a picture that I take at each park for that specific purpose. The cost is not that much and amounts to a few dollars to have them printed and sent to my door. The only down side is there is a week lag time between the activation and me actually sending the cards out.

Frank
K0JQZ

1403. Radio Havano Kubo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 17:52:53 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1403 Message: 1403

Radio Havano Kubo is the Esperanto service of Radio Havana Cuba broadcasting from "The Free Territory" of the Americas.

(accent is always on the penultimate syllable - vowels pronounced as in Spanish - and trill the R)

http://www.ameriko.org/eo/rhc

The April 1st transmission discusses formation of a Cuban chapter of ILERA - Internacia Ligo de Radio-Amatoroj.

Ko Uno Ah Toe Vo (K1ATV)
Vilchjo/Bil

1404. Re: Radio Havano Kubo

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-01 20:28:23 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1403 Message: 1404

OOPS! Internacia Ligo de Esperanto Radio-Amatoroj.

Bil

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, "ars_k1atv" <wmunsil@...> wrote:
>
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> (accent is always on the penultimate syllable - vowels pronounced as in Spanish - and trill the R)
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> http://www.ameriko.org/eo/rhc
>
> The April 1st transmission discusses formation of a Cuban chapter of ILERA - Internacia Ligo de Radio-Amatoroj.
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> Ko Uno Ah Toe Vo (K1ATV)
> Vilchjo/Bil
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1405. OT: NEWS FROM WØ-SOTA ASSOCIATION

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-03 02:21:27 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1405 Message: 1405

Slightly off topic but I think there is a common interest between POTA and SOTA... here it goes:

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Cheers, Steve & WØ-SOTA Team

1406. Re: OT: NEWS FROM WØ-SOTA ASSOCIATION

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-03 02:41:37 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1405 Message: 1406

Agreed there is common interest. In fact I am in the process of thinking about a good trail rig and antenna setup. Last Saturday the XYL (KC0YQF) and I hiked up Mt Herman. I had a lot of trouble so I am not back to 100 percent yet but it was significant that I was able to make it to the top.... No radio on that trip as I still need to prove something to myself but it did get me energized.

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1407. Re: OT: NEWS FROM WØ-SOTA ASSOCIATION

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-03 23:53:19 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1405 Message: 1407

Hi Frank, congrats on hiking up Mt. Herman - next time take an HT and get some SOTA points :)

73, Matt / KØMOS

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1408. Park Numbers?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-12 23:56:25 UTC
From: richardscottw
Topic: 1408 Message: 1408

Newbie question:
Are State Parks issued identifying numbers before they are activated? Or afterward?
I have downloaded the Pennsylvania list but I see nothing in the "POTA#" column. I activated Gifford Pinchot SP in 2010 and I see my activity listed (line 121 of the spreadsheet), but not a park number.
???
73
-Scott N3SW-

1409. National Parks will be free From April 21 to 29

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-14 12:59:22 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1409 Message: 1409

Mark your calendars: From April 21 to 29 entrance to all 397 U.S. National Parks will be free. Most do not charge an entrance fee anyway but those that do will waive it this week.

I hope my XYL is well by then so we can try camping and I will try to operate some radio for once.

73,
N4NSS Kyle

1410. It's "Go Camping Month" in Ohio.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-14 13:06:38 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1410 Message: 1410

In April, state parks are offering a 25 percent discount on camping fees. Info: www.ohiostateparks.org <http://www.ohiostateparks.org> .

Hope is't warm enough! Unless your a hardy one.

From sunny Florida....

73,

N4NSS Kyle

1411. Re: [p_o_t_a_] National Parks will be free From April 21 to 29

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-14 14:27:36 UTC
From: Frank Skinner
Topic: 1409 Message: 1411

That is great Kyle and thanks for posting that. I go in for a minor medical procedure on the 20th and I do not know if I will be well enough to get out that weekend but if I can I may just do it. I have never been to Rocky Mountain National Park.....

Frank
K0JQZ

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From: Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2012 6:59 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] National Parks will be free From April 21 to 29

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1412. OSPOTA Rules...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-19 13:18:55 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1412 Message: 1412
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Attached are the Rules for the Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest just incase anybody's interested...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...

1415. SPAM

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-25 20:50:21 UTC
From: wu1bmobile
Topic: 1415 Message: 1415

Just delete the 'No Subject' emails until an owner/moderator can dump them.
Major hijacking of email accounts going on. This one is showing up in all sorts of lists.

Barclay/wu1b

1416. Re: [p_o_t_a_] SPAM

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-26 02:33:54 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1415 Message: 1416

I deleted teh messages in question and have not put Mark in moderation yet, will wait and see if he changes his password. I just changed mine and strengthened it since it seems it is the yahoo groups being mostly attacked....

Cheers
Fred
VE3FAL
----- Original Message -----
From: wu1bmobile
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 4:50 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] SPAM

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Barclay/wu1b

1417. Re: [p_o_t_a_] SPAM

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-26 02:51:09 UTC
From: Mark Kelner
Topic: 1415 Message: 1417

Hi all,
 Sorry about the Spam .Guess I didn't have a strong enough password. I changed it earlier tonite. I ran a scan just to make sure there weren't any bugs running around in there.
I had to write it down as it'll take me a couple days to remember it .

  Thanks all,
   Mark WG8Y

From: ve3fal-Fred <ve3fal@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2012 10:33 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] SPAM

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1418. Re: [p_o_t_a_] SPAM

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-26 11:55:14 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1415 Message: 1418

Thanks Mark..

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

On Wed, 25 Apr 2012 19:51:09 -0700 (PDT)
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1419. Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-27 00:19:39 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1419 Message: 1419

I will be operating from Cheyenne Mountain State Park in Colorado (close to NORAD) during the QRPTTF contest. Saturday from around 1200 MST. I found a spot on a small hill that should work great. I will be on 20 meters (14.061) or there a bouts trying to work as many stations and SOTA activations I can.

Elecraft K1
Battery power
Buddistick antenna

K0JQZ
Frank

1420. re:

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-28 20:24:22 UTC
From: YV5EN - Edwin Rivera
Topic: 1420 Message: 1420

wow give this a look http://t.co/j8ymI9cU

~*Advertisement

1421. Spam

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-29 13:42:15 UTC
From: YV5EN - Edwin Rivera
Topic: 1420 Message: 1421

Sorry guys, this was not me.
It's a spam.
I already change my yahoo passwword

Edwin - YV5EN (antes YV5HUJ)
yv5en.org

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, YV5EN - Edwin Rivera <yv5en@...> wrote:
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> wow give this a look h t t p : //t.co/j8ymI9cU
>
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>
> ~*Advertisement
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1422. Re: Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-04-29 16:17:08 UTC
From: f_skinner
Topic: 1419 Message: 1422

The Cheyenne Mountain State Park activation and the QRPTTF was great. The pictures are linked below of the operating position, me and the tent. I used an Elecraft K1, battery and Buddistick slightly modified. I hiked into the park from the entrance loaded up with everything because I was tested some new gear to include a pack. Everything worked well.

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/1115670585/pic/1853174495/view?picmode=&mode=tn&order=ordinal&start=1&count=20&dir=asc

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/1115670585/pic/1718349262/view?picmode=&mode=tn&order=ordinal&start=1&count=20&dir=asc

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/photos/album/1115670585/pic/31932465/view?picmode=medium&mode=tn&order=ordinal&start=1&dir=asc

Here is my log:

DATE TIME CALL RST MHZ MODE NOTES
04/28/12 1035 NB1N 339 339 14 CW Sam MA

04/28/12 1648 AB9CA 559 559 14 CW Dave AL

04/28/12 1653 N7KE 559 559 14 CW Doug WA

04/28/12 1654 W4ZV 559 559 14 CW Bill NC

04/28/12 1703 NN9K 599 599 14 CW Peter IL

04/28/12 1706 NI8G 579 579 14 CW Al OH

04/28/12 1709 W8PBO 579 579 14 CW Art WV

04/28/12 1741 W0RW/PM 559 559 14 CW Paul CO

04/28/12 1803 W4KPG 599 599 14 CW Eric FL

04/28/12 1817 KF7LX 599 599 14 CW SOTA W7/WH 195 Todd WA

04/28/12 1821 NQ7RP 559 559 14 CW Mike AZ

04/28/12 1829 K4LM 599 599 14 CW FL

04/28/12 1834 KU7Y/7 599 599 14 CW Ron AZ

04/28/12 2109 W0UFO 559 559 14 CW Merton MN

04/28/12 2113 KB0KFX 559 559 14 CW Scott WI

04/28/12 2122 WA9PWP 559 559 14 CW Paul WI

04/28/12 2127 KI8R 559 559 14 CW Mike OH

04/28/12 2129 N5ESE 559 559 14 CW Scott TX

04/28/12 2144 N6GA 559 559 14 CW Cam CA

04/28/12 2327 AA5OZ 449 559 14 CW Randy LA

Sadly my state park activities are coming to a close until the "regular" camping season is over and we will be back out there this winter. Now I need to get going on SOTA.

Frank
K0JQZ

1423. Fwd: Park Ops

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-06 01:44:56 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1423 Message: 1423

From: jah@...
To: KB4QQJ@...
Sent: 6/5/2012 8:05:40 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Park Ops

Will be Portable at Cliffs of Neuse Park tomorrow… 7 & 14 from abt 9 to
noon.
John _N4NAB_ (http://www.qrz.com/db/N4NAB)

1424. SOTA Activation Alert: K0MOS in RMNP

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-13 02:15:23 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1424 Message: 1424

This week we have another, even bigger wildfire (> 40'000 acres/175 square km) just 15 miles from my QTH. Plenty of road-closures (and smoke), cutting me off from lots of SOTA peaks around here. To get some fresh air and to celebrate my one year SOTA anniversary, I will try to get into Rocky Mountain National Park to activate two summits. If it works out, here the details:

Summit: WØ/FR-123 (Trail Ridge - CO)
Date: 13 June 2012
Time: Approx.: 1545 UTC ☐ 16:45 UTC
Location: N-Colorado / DN70ck
Elevation: 3758 m / 12329 ft - 6 Point(s)
Call Sign: KØMOS
Frequencies: 14.3425-ssb +/- QRM / alt. freq.: 14.285-ssb

and

Summit: WØ/FR-Ø19 (Sundance Mountain)
Date: 13 June 2012
Time: Approx.: 1730 UTC ☐ 18:30 UTC
Location: N-Colorado / DN70dj
Elevation: 3792 m / 12441 ft - 6 Point(s)
Call Sign: KØMOS
Frequencies: 14.3425-ssb +/- QRM / alt. freq.: 14.285-ssb
18.1400-ssb +/- QRM

If I have coverage, you can follow my progress via APRS: http://aprs.fi/info/a/K0MOS-7

QRP (5W) only.
Equip.: FT-817 and vertical Buddipole

Keep your ears/antennas pointed towards Colorado.

Thanks

Matt / KØMOS

1425. safe, cheap insect repellant

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-24 22:44:27 UTC
From: Roy
Topic: 1425 Message: 1425

The local school buses had a problem with
stinging insects entering at a couple of
schools during the spring and fall
months. Somebody discovered that hanging
a dryer sheet near the door stopped
95% of the problem. The theory is that the dryer
sheet disrupts the insect's ability to detect the
normal scents and bodily CO-2 that it is
homing in on, acting like a 'black hole' to the
senses.

I have tried this solution when going on
walks in parks and on field day by tucking a
fresh dryer sheet in my pocket or under the
back collar of my shirt. While nothing
is 100% against blood hungry insects, I have
found that it works as good as any repellant
product on the market, maybe better. I have not
tried it in a deep woods situation, where I'd
probably put more than one sheet on my clothing.

I find that the sheet will easily work for 12 hours
and a bus driver told me that it does work for
a whole day, sometimes two.

It doesn't matter what brand
or fragrance was used and the cheapest
dryer sheets work as well as the most
expensive. You can keep a dozen or so in your
car in a Ziploc style baggie so you'll
have a fresh sheet when needed.

Roy KV8KV

1426. Re: safe, cheap insect repellant

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-25 16:12:40 UTC
From: YV5EN - Edwin Rivera
Topic: 1425 Message: 1426

Hi Roy,

I'm very interested in an effective mosquito repellent solution as many operators in our outdoor DXpeditions at YV-land (tropical environment) are sometimes seriously affected by the plague.
Googling for more information regarding your post I found this article "Mosquito Repellent & Dryer Sheets" (http://www.ehow.com/facts_7432603_mosquito-repellent-dryer-sheets.html)

Vy 73 to all,
Edwin - YV5EN

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> Roy KV8KV
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1427. Re: safe, cheap insect repellant

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-26 13:27:16 UTC
From: ve3hbj
Topic: 1425 Message: 1427

INSECT DEFENDER PATCHES are the best thing going maybe not as cheep as dryer sheets. It's vitamin B worn as a patch. During field day I worked a 21-02 shift during which time there were thousands of the little blood suckers arround the guy next to me complained constantly about being bitten where I ended up with 3 bites. I'm usually the one that looks like a pincushion. They last between 24-36 hours depending on your activity level. I usually put one on in the morning day one again day two and leave first on till I'm going to bed that night. I have spent many hours in the water with it still attached and I seem not to have an issue with the adhesive unlike most bandaids and other medical patches.

73 and good luck.
Brian

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1428. 13 Original Colonies Special Event

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-29 22:30:18 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1428 Message: 1428

This is not an POTA event but everyone is invited to jump
in. They offer a really nice certificate to confirm your QSOs
with the special event stations.

A special spotter page at http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/us13/
has been set up to help find the stations for the 13 colonies
event. Web space for this page has been provided by Randy/KB4QQJ.
If any club or individual running a special event in the future
wants to make use of this kind of spotter page send me an email
about it at my call @ arrl.net

Randy_KB4QQJ

1429. Re: safe, cheap insect repellant

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-30 15:47:59 UTC
From: Roy
Topic: 1425 Message: 1429

Thanks for the input, Edwin.

One other person pointed out that Snopes did not
agree with me, although in the Snopes article they
talked about carrying USED dryer sheets, and
others tested only rubbing a sheet on a person's
skin.

I am not a scientist or doctor, and I did not copy
the information from a web site. I heard it from
a bus driver that I personally know and then tried
it myself in city and county parks. We have lakeside
parks here with the usual abundance of insects, but
not deep woods.

It appears to work for me, using a fresh, NEW dryer sheet.
It is not necessary to go buy a new package, just grab
one from your laundry room and try it.

I also know that AVON's Skin-So-Soft works for me, despite
the official pronouncements that it does not.

73,
Roy, KV8KV
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1430. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: safe, cheap insect repellant

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-06-30 16:43:27 UTC
From: Charles Blackburn
Topic: 1425 Message: 1430

I use dryer sheets all the time. I run them on my arms and neck, obviously, don’t rub them on your face.

new ones work better than used ones.

charlie

1431. OSPOTA Planned Operations Page...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-07-03 16:26:13 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1431 Message: 1431

Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest Planned Operations Page...

http://parks.portcars.org/ospota/?page_id=302

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
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1432. Mount Prospect in the Adirondacks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-07-12 14:20:50 UTC
From: LARRY MAKOSKI
Topic: 1432 Message: 1432

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73 de Larry W2LJ
QRP - When you care to send the very least!

1433. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Mount Prospect in the Adirondacks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-07-12 16:19:32 UTC
From: Pete Spotts
Topic: 1432 Message: 1433

On 07/12/2012 10:20 AM, LARRY MAKOSKI wrote:
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Good luck, Larry. Love the Adirondacks! Did lots of family camping there during many summers.

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1434. Re: [PolarBearQRP_Ops] Mount Prospect in the Adirondacks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-07-12 17:58:22 UTC
From: LARRY MAKOSKI
Topic: 1434 Message: 1434

Steve,

Thanks for the info! Thought it was me; but glad to see the ionosphere was not cooperating. Got some good views and pictures, though! I was heard on RBN, so at least the skimmers picked me out.

73 de Larry W2LJ
QRP - When you care to send the very least!

From: Steve <nu7t@...>
To: PolarBearQRP_Ops@yahoogroups.com; qrp-l@...; p_o_t_a_@...; KX3@yahoogroups.com; Robert REISENWEBER <w3bbo1@...>; Flying Pigs Mailing List <fpqrp-l@...>
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2012 1:13 PM
Subject: Re: [PolarBearQRP_Ops] Mount Prospect in the Adirondacks

sorry Larry Bear,

ALERT: X-Ray Flux exceeded M5
Threshold Reached: 2012 Jul 12 1626 UTC
NOAA Scale: R2 - Moderate
Potential Impacts: Area of impact centered on sub-solar point on the sunlit side of Earth. Extent of blackout of HF (high frequency) radio communication dependent upon current X-ray Flux intensity. For real-time information on affected area and expected duration (1800 z).Grrrrrr
15m - 6dB attenuation Grrrrrr
20m - 3 dB attenuation Grrr
40m - 17 dB attentuation Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

Steve, NU7T
PB #300

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[Non-text portions of this message have been removed]

1435. [Fwd: [OSPOTA] Special ARES/RACES unit prize]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-07-17 20:06:19 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1435 Message: 1435

---------- Original Message ----------
Subject: [OSPOTA] Special ARES/RACES unit prize
From: "jima6934" <aylwardjim@...>
Date: Tue, July 17, 2012 13:41
To: OSPOTA@yahoogroups.com

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1436. Re: [p_o_t_a_] [Fwd: [OSPOTA] Special ARES/RACES unit prize]

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-07-17 21:27:26 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1435 Message: 1436

For anyone interested,
We will set up a spotting page like we did for the 13 Original Colonies Special Event if there is enough interest. Speak up if you want the spotting page.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 7/17/2012 4:06:23 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n8ofs@... writes:

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1437. OT: Wouxun Dual Band Radio

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-07-21 02:11:22 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 1437 Message: 1437

Hey all.

Just a quick message in case anyone is interested in the Imported Asian radios.

Just got a new DualBand Wouxun KG-UV920R radio.

Pictures and more on my blog for those interested.

http://www.va3isp.com

1438. Peel Amateur Radio Club Radio Adventure Team

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-07 15:24:22 UTC
From: ve3gkn
Topic: 1438 Message: 1438

Even though this isn't a park activation I though I'd post it anyway

http://ve3xr.wordpress.com/2012/07/27/parc-rats-inaugural-mini-dx-pedition/

We're trying to get members out and about so we came up with a little wilderness canoe/camp to try out our home brewed equipment- after all everything works properly in the shack right?

Any contact will be appreciated and will add to the fun.

73, Gord

1439. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Peel Amateur Radio Club Radio Adventure Team

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-07 15:43:27 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1438 Message: 1439

Gord,
Are those times local to VE land or UTC? If you can let me know, I'll make a point to listen.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 8/7/2012 11:24:30 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, ve3gkn@... writes:

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1440. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Peel Amateur Radio Club Radio Adventure Team

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-07 15:46:20 UTC
From: Gordon Kennedy
Topic: 1438 Message: 1440

Eastern Daylight

Of course those times might vary- a little rain expected so there'll be more radio time.

Look forward to hearing you.

73, Gord

From: "KB4QQJ@aol.com" <KB4QQJ@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2012 11:43:27 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Peel Amateur Radio Club Radio Adventure Team

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1441. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Peel Amateur Radio Club Radio Adventure Team

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-07 16:01:36 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1438 Message: 1441

Thanks,

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 8/7/2012 11:46:25 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
ve3gkn@... writes:

Eastern Daylight

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1442. Cherokee Rock Village activation by W4DGH

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-15 04:32:13 UTC
From: Barry Strickland
Topic: 1442 Message: 1442

North East Alabama QRP Club will activate Cherokee Rock Village Thursday, Aug. 16 from 9 AM to noon Central Time 1400-1700 UTC. Using callsign W4DGH, look for us at qrp watering holes both SSB and CW. We should have at least 3 rigs going and perhaps a VHF station.

1443. Patos Island Lighthouse Activation - WR5J This Weekend

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-16 20:27:01 UTC
From: WR5J
Topic: 1443 Message: 1443

MKARC,

Bill and I are activating the Patos Island Lighthouse in the San Juan Islands of Western Washington State for ILLW.

We go up this afternoon and should be QRV by tomorrow, Friday, afternoon after some fairly complicated logistics with cars, ferries and little boats. Record heat is predicted - great time to be on a little island surrounded by 50 degree water. We return on Monday.

Lots of time for radio fun with Buddipoles and our other antennas. Local communication should be possible.

While this weekend is to activate Patos for International Lighthouse and Lightship event, we will talk to anyone, anywhere, for any purpose on just about any mode from Phone to JT-modes with CW, PSK31, MT63-500 and RTTY present in the mix ...FLDIGI and the RSID feature is your friend for figuring out what mode we are using - lots of info for getting going with this stuff is on the WA-DIGITAL yahoo group

I'll be using my call - WR5J and Bill, W7KXB is using the Highline ARC call of NC7G. As with many of these events focus will be on 20M during the day - forays elsewhere as the ionosphere allows...

We think we have cell coverage - otherwise we'll be near the SOTA/GORC/POTA/ILLW freqs on each band or the typical locales for digital activity.

Hope we have the opportunity to talk to some of you and the rest of the world... spot us when you hear us - Thanks!

vy 73 de WR5J

Curt Black - President, West Seattle Amateur Radio Club
wr5j@...
206 755-4541c

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PS - Watch for the West Seattle Amateur Radio Club folk activating the Alki Point Lighthouse in West Seattle this Saturday using the club call of W7AW from Consellation Park in Seattle.

1444. Activation - Tibbetts Point Lighthouse 1000 Islands Cape Vincent NY

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-17 14:52:51 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq
Topic: 1444 Message: 1444

The Thousand Islands Repeaer Club
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/270814643024975/> will be on the air
from the Tibbetts Point Lighthouse
<http://www.capevincent.org/lighthouse/lighthouse_001.htm> US0134 for
ILLW <http://illw.net/> . Call sign KD2CPX.

Operation planned approximately 1300Z - 2400Z (9AM-Dusk EDT) Saturday.

Possible additional operation later Saturday and/or Sunday.

Planned operation Saturday 1300Z - 2400Z will be 100W with "big"
antennas. Additional operation may be 10W QRP with G5RV inverted V.

Waertown Daily Times newspaper article

<http://www.watertowndailytimes.com/article/20120816/CURR15/708169979/>
Northern New York Amateur Radio Association <http://nnyara.net/>

1445. Re: Cherokee Rock Village activation by W4DGH

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-08-19 16:10:08 UTC
From: ve2ddz
Topic: 1442 Message: 1445

It was great to work you on 20m Thursday. I was portable on Mt Rigaud, QC trying out my new KX3.

73,
Malcolm VE2DDZ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Barry Strickland" <ab4ql1@...> wrote:
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>

1446. Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-09-16 15:29:57 UTC
From: kb5iqj2001
Topic: 1446 Message: 1446

To whom do I send my park activation info?

Don

1447. fwd:

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-09-20 19:03:49 UTC
From: Brian Esche
Topic: 1447 Message: 1447

look at this http://www.news15localeshw.net/work/?article=86670

1448. Re: [p_o_t_a_] fwd:

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-09-20 20:08:21 UTC
From: ewr1030@rocketmail.com
Topic: 1447 Message: 1448

this a scam

On Sep 20, 2012, at 15:03, Brian Esche <wb9qvr@...> wrote:

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> look at this http://www.news15localeshw.net/work/?article=86670
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1449. hey

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-09-20 23:26:49 UTC
From: Gordon Kennedy
Topic: 1449 Message: 1449

wow give this a look http://www.news15localal.net/work/?money=92874

1450. Tripreport of Bighorn Mtn in Rocky Mountain NP

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-10-05 01:55:41 UTC
From: dudelsack55
Topic: 1450 Message: 1450

Just finished my trip report from last weeks activation of Bighorn Mtn in Rocky Mountain NP. It was a perfect fall day with blue skies, snow on the higher summits, yellow/golden Aspen trees and bugling Elk. A very enjoyable hike. You can read the trip-report following the link: http://wp.me/p1XRZT-Bp

73, Matt/KØMOS

1451. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Tripreport of Bighorn Mtn in Rocky Mountain NP

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-10-05 02:03:09 UTC
From: WA0ITP
Topic: 1450 Message: 1451

Looks like a terrific trip Mat, thnaks for sharing it.

I love this radio stuff !
72 WA?ITP
www.wa0itp.com
www.4sqrp.com
www.qrpspots.com

----- Original Message -----
From: "dudelsack55" <k0mos@...>
To: <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Thursday, October 04, 2012 8:55 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Tripreport of Bighorn Mtn in Rocky Mountain NP

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Yahoo! Groups Links

1452. Fw: Special Event Station K6H from the set of The Last Man Stand - Sun October 28, 2012.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-10-28 14:49:25 UTC
From: Bil Munsil
Topic: 1452 Message: 1452

From: "Don Hill" <donhill@...>
Sent: Saturday, October 27, 2012 11:51 PM
To: <d-atv@yahoogroups.com>; <DigitalATV@yahoogroups.com>;
<ATNC@yahoogroups.com>; <DVDongle@yahoogroups.com>;
<hamnation40@yahoogroups.com>; <Ham-ATV@yahoogroups.com>
Cc: "Mike Collis" <wa6svt@...>; "Bil Munsil" <wmunsil@...>;
<W6HHC@...>; <pcossins@...>; <SWMEOW@...>; <n8nt@...>;
<norm.sharpe@...>; <info@...>; <kf7grq@...>;
<btmeehan@...>
Subject: Special Event Station K6H from the set of The Last Man Stand - Sun
October 28, 2012.

> Special Event Station Sunday October 28, 2012.
> 9:00am - 1:00pm Pacific time (Californai, USA)
>
> See the following pages:
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> The PAPA System Home Page:
> http://www.papasys.com
>
> The PAPA System Events page:
> http://www.papasys.com/index.php?pageid=Events
>
> Facebook page:
> HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KA0XTT
>
> The streaming link page that is embedded in the PAPA System page:
> http://www.ke6bxt.com/live/
>
> The British Amateur Television Club (BATC) web site that hosts the
> streaming and chat window:
> http://www.batc.tv/ch_live.php?ch=5&id=693
>
> If you have access to an Amateur Television repeater you can
> retransmit the stream from the BATC site to your Amateur Television
> repeater.
>
> Don Hill, KE6BXT
> Amateur Television Network
> Video streamer for the K6H Special Event Station

1453. How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-15 14:39:14 UTC
From: William Stevenson
Topic: 1453 Message: 1453

I was looking for a list of parks and the logging system or process and have not foung it, there are a lot parks here in the Russellville AR area and I am going to SC next week for a month of work and will operate from parks I will find in that area?

1454. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 01:18:18 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1453 Message: 1454

The Group is kaput...it died awhile ago. So there is now way to log your activities.

Kyle N4NSS

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>_____
> From: William Stevenson <w5qc55@...>
>To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
>Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 9:39 AM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
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1455. RE: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 01:35:43 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 1453 Message: 1455
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Is there an interest to have a log activation website?

I can create one in the new year if there is a need for it?

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Kyle N4NSS
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:18 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

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Kyle N4NSS <http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/>

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1456. (no subject)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 01:52:37 UTC
From: David Nagel
Topic: 1456 Message: 1456

http://miamiwebdesignstudio.com/wp-content/themes/ColourfulBird/likeit.php?tower271.html

1457. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 02:43:05 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1453 Message: 1457

I would be interested. I operate for several parks in NC, SC and VA plus anywhere else I happen to travel. We also do a yearly Special Event from the Dentzel Carousel (National Historic Record member) at the local park level.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/15/2012 8:38:36 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, jeff.dale@... writes:

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Date: 2012-11-16 02:51:22 UTC
From: Peter Spotts
Topic: 1453 Message: 1458

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1459. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 02:56:57 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1453 Message: 1459

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I sure hope the QRP Challenge goes better. :-)

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/15/2012 9:51:28 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
w1pns@... writes:

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William Stevenson <_w5qc55@..._ (mailto:w5qc55@...) > wrote:

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1460. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 03:02:59 UTC
From: Peter Spotts
Topic: 1453 Message: 1460

On Thu, 15 Nov 2012 21:56:57 -0500 (EST)
KB4QQJ@... wrote:

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1461. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 03:06:20 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1453 Message: 1461

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I sure wish there was an "emotion" font. I hate trying to convey inflection through email.....

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In a message dated 11/15/2012 10:03:02 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, w1pns@... writes:

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1462. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 03:29:28 UTC
From: Peter Spotts
Topic: 1453 Message: 1462

On Thu, 15 Nov 2012 22:06:20 -0500 (EST)
KB4QQJ@... wrote:

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1463. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 03:37:18 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1453 Message: 1463

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Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:18 PM
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To: "p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca" <p_o_t_a_@...>
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1464. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 03:38:40 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1453 Message: 1464

Yes I agree...
Hello Pete....
You to have dropped in from time to time and in fact you were one who helped with an award idea...

fred
VE3FAL

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1465. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 03:40:33 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1453 Message: 1465

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 03:44:56 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1453 Message: 1466

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 04:03:16 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1453 Message: 1467

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From: KB4QQJ@...
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Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:44 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 06:10:25 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1453 Message: 1468

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-16 11:08:44 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1453 Message: 1469

Ha Ha Ha!!! I knew if I said something people would perk up a bit....

If there is some way to log a park activation that was less time consuming that would be greatly appreciated.
But there needs to be more operators in the group who want to make this thing successful than just two or three.

I hope to be more active in the comming months since I will be retired soon. That doesn't mean I volunteer yet.

I'm starting a bucket list...

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1478. RE: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-17 17:52:10 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 1453 Message: 1478

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There’s been more traffic on this list in the last 48 hours then there has been all year!!!

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>>>>>From:Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@yahoo.com>
>>>>>To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
>>>>>Sent: Fri, November 16, 2012 6:08:53 AM
>>>>>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
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>>>>>
>>>>>Ha Ha Ha!!! I knew if I said something people would perk up a bit....
>>>>>
>>>>>If there is some way to log a park activation that was less time consuming that would be greatly appreciated.
>>>>>But there needs to be more operators in the group who want to make this thing successful than just two or three.
>>>>>
>>>>>I hope to be more active in the comming months since I will be retired soon. That doesn't mean I volunteer yet.
>>>>>
>>>>>I'm starting a bucket list...
>>>>>
>>>>>Kyle N4NSS
>>>>>
>>>>>“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.
>>>>>So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.......
>>>>>Explore. Dream. Discover.” --Mark Twain
>>>>>
>>>>>>From:ve3fal-Fred <ve3fal@...>
>>>>>>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>>>>>>Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 11:03 PM
>>>>>>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
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>>>>>>
>>>>>>Randy, Pete, Kyle and some of the original old guard who maybe lurking in the background here, my winter project is building a manpack for portable use and for activating the Parks with my travels across Ontario...so farin the last month I have been a stones throw away from Polar Bear Provincial Park way up North in Ontario near James Bay.. Going to use the FT817, HF Packer amp, army whip and tapped coil for gain, drag wires and PBoxes for powering the unit.
>>>>>>This will be my throw in the truck when on the road teaching unit and can be operated from my motel/hotel room as well with my buddipole...
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>>>>>>
>>>>>>Fred
>>>>>>VE3FAL
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>>>>>>----- Original Message -----
>>>>>>>From:KB4QQJ@...
>>>>>>>To:p_o_t_a_@...
>>>>>>>Sent:Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:44 PM
>>>>>>>Subject:Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
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>>>>>>>I still have the spotting page here http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/
>>>>>>>and can still add a link to the Event Calendar
http://www.kb4qqj.com/cgi-bin/calendar.pl
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>I'm about to get real busy with the QRP Challenge in K3Y but see no problem doing
both.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Randy_KB4QQJ
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>In a message dated 11/15/2012 10:40:45 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, ve3fal@...
writes:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Man I got to slow down or maybe look at my keyboard when I type to prevent
errors....
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>The sleeping bear is now awake.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>Fred
>>>>>>>>VE3FAL
>>>>>>>>----- Original Message -----
>>>>>>>>>From:ve3fal-Fred
>>>>>>>>>To:p_o_t_a_@...
>>>>>>>>>Sent:Thursday, November 15, 2012 10:37 PM
>>>>>>>>>Subject:Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>The group is not dead, the activity dies off, we have still had activations, i now
travel away from home weeks at a time teaching and do not get to the reflectors like I used
to do, so for me to update and keep current does not work.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Kyle and I were teh only originals who were still active here with randy as well
throing his 2 cents in from time to time to keep us awake...
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>I am still trying to activate parks and have been working on awards for those
activated alrady and for those who do the activations, dont give up, but I am only one
person.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>Fred
>>>>>>>>>VE3FAL
>>>>>>>>>Moderator/Owner of Group

>>>>>>>>>>----- Original Message -----
>>>>>>>>>>From:KB4QQJ@...
>>>>>>>>>>To:p_o_t_a_@...
>>>>>>>>>>Sent:Thursday, November 15, 2012 9:43 PM
>>>>>>>>>>Subject:Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
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>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>I would be interested. I operate for several parks in NC, SC and VA plus anywhere else I happen to travel. We also do a yearly Special Event from the Dentzel Carousel (National Historic Record member) at the local park level.
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>Randy_KB4QQJ
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>In a message dated 11/15/2012 8:38:36 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, jeff.dale@... writes:
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>Is there an interest to have a log activation website?
>>>>>>>>>>>I can create one in the new year if there is a need for it?
>>>>>>>>>>>From:p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Kyle N4NSS
>>>>>>>>>>>Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 8:18 PM
>>>>>>>>>>>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>>>>>>>>>>>Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
>>>>>>>>>>>The Group is kaput...it died awhile ago. So there is now way to log your activities.
>>>>>>>>>>>Kyle N4NSS
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.
>>>>>>>>>>>So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.......
>>>>>>>>>>>Explore. Dream. Discover.” --Mark Twain
>>>>>>>>>>>From:William Stevenson <w5qc55@...>
>>>>>>>>>>>To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
>>>>>>>>>>>Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2012 9:39 AM
>>>>>>>>>>>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>I was looking for a list of parks and the logging system or process and have not foung it, there are a lot parks here in the Russellville AR area and I am going to SC next week for a month of work and will operate from parks I will find in that area?
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>>>>--
>>>>http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh/   Under construction but please visit anyway.
>>>>
>>>>QRP- EFFICIENCY AND SKILL, NOT POWER.
>>>>
>>>>I'm British by birth but American by CHOICE!

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>>>>Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owe a debt we cannot pay...
>>>>
>>>>May the Good Lord make His face to shine upon you.
>>>>God Bless from Wayne Dillon - KC0PMH
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>>>>Joshua 24:14-15
>>>>2 Cor 5:17
>>>>1 Jn 2:17
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>>>>http://www.4sqrp.com/index.php
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>>>>4 State QRP Group NCS - 40m & 160m
>>>>FPQRP #342 (Flying Pigs QRP Club)
>>>>G-QRP-C #11504
>>>>NAQCC # 0759
>>>>QRP-ARCI #11505
>>>>SKCC #1155
>>>>SOC #848
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1480. Re: [p_o_t_a_] How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-17 22:11:33 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1453 Message: 1480

That's because it turned cold out and we are on our computers instead of in the Parks..... heh heh

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/17/2012 12:53:27 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, jeff.dale@... writes:

Talk about poking the bear awake.
There’s been more traffic on this list in the last 48 hours then there has been all year!!!

1481. Re: How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-26 19:18:06 UTC
From: skos@bellsouth.net
Topic: 1453 Message: 1481

As I proposed earlier, I've done a pass through the files and have collected the activated park information and the QSO logs that have been posted and now have them in a database.

The resulting report looks pretty good now, but a few cleanup issues remain before I publish this first report so that I can confirm that everything that should be entered has been.

Particularly, there are a number of park listings that show activation dates and callsigns, but for which I am unable to locate the QSOs that support them. I may have missed them, or perhaps they haven't been posted yet. In either case, I need those who activated the following parks (or whoever was keeping up with the files)to send me the QSO records so I can get this phase completed:

Florida -

T.H. Stone Memorial, St Joseph Peninsula State Park
N4KGL 2/26/11 - No QSO records

Indiana -

Harmonie
WA2USA 10/15/10 - No QSO records
Shakamak
WA2USA 10/15/1- - No QSO Records

Michigan -

Cheboygan State Park
KD8EUR 10/9/10 - No QSO records

Montana -

Glacier National Park
WI0S 9/5/11 - No QSO records

Ontario -

Rideau River
VE3WMB & VA3SIE 9/17/10 - No QSO records

Pigeon River
VE3FAL 10/3/10 - No QSO records

Sleeping Giant
VE3WMB & VA3SIE 9/18/10 - No QSO records

Kakabeka Falls
VE3FAL 8/20/11 - No QSO records

Ohio -

Mohican State Park
AJ8P 11/7/10 - No QSO records

Salt Fork State Parks
AJ8P 11/20/10 - No QSO records

Findley State Park
N8OFS 1/22/11 - No QSO records

Tennessee -

Big Hill Pond
AF4O 9/25/10 - No QSO records

Vermont -

Smugglers Notch State Park
VA3SIE 10/9/10 - No QSO records

Please send them to me directly off line.

Thanks,

Kos, N4NIA

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., Kos <skos@...> wrote:
>
> Getting back to the original question on how to log POTA QSO's, currently the
> logs are in Excel spreadsheet format, with a separate spreadsheet for each
> state/province. One person had permissions to modify/repost the file. Under this
> model, park numbers (or even park names) don't get assigned or placed on the
> list until first activation.
>
> This was a reasonable start, however I'd like to propose that we take it to the
> next level and get the activations moved into a common database with an owner
> that can maintain it. Specifically:
>
> Current spreadsheet logs get imported into the database
> Parks still get assigned numbers on first activation with relevant log
> information (too many parks to try to prepopulate)
> Users can submit the parks to the database administrator in a spreadsheet
> template or Cabrillo file
> One ReportÂ is organized along country/state or province/park name
> Other report is organized along activating callsign/parkname
> Separate smaller reportÂ of activated parks that doesn't contain all the QSO data
> so people can easily browse them and see what has/hasn't been activated
> Log is posted in PDF format for all to view until arrangements can be made to
> truly make it interactive online. Searches can be made within the PDF for
> individual callsigns until an online solution is developed.
>
> Probably some other details that can be worked out, but I'm thinking this can be
> up in a few weeks. I'd be willing to get this started if everyone thinks this

> might work.
>
> Kos,
> N4NIA
>

1482. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: How do you log a park to be added to the system?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-26 20:20:59 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1453 Message: 1482

> Findley State Park
> N8OFS 1/22/11 - No QSO records
>
It was actually N8OFS/8 if that makes any diffrence, here comes the dump...

<CALL:6>KA8CNI<QSO_DATE:8:D>20110122<TIME_ON:4>1902<BAND:2>6m<MODE:3>SSB<RST_SENT:4>EN91<Q
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_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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SL_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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L_SENT:1>Y<QSL_SENT_VIA:1>E<QSLMSG:63>Findley
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Ohio State Park : POTA#USOH003 : Lorain County : EN81vd<EOR>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...

1483. Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-27 13:21:53 UTC
From: n4kgl
Topic: 1245 Message: 1483

Greg Lane N4KGL
Oct 6th 2011 Between 2100Z and 2225Z
Rig Icom 703 10 watts

K4L 58/59 50.125 St. George Lighthouse Expedition
M1CZZ 57/59 14.270 Oldham England
W5FBS 55/59 14.261 Oklahoma City OK
KC5JTN/M 56/58 14.265 Austin TX
EA3FTA 14.258 Spain

See http://www.n4kgl.info/2011/10/st-george-island-parks-on-air.html

It was fun!

1484. Re: Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park Activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-27 13:57:05 UTC
From: Greg Lane
Topic: 1245 Message: 1484

Yes SSB

Greg

1485. Activation of National/Regional Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-30 15:03:37 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1485 Message: 1485

Hi All,

I'm about done compliling all the actvation information that was out there, and I'm tidying up the reports so I can get something out to everyone. A couple things have come up that I think requires the consensus of the group as to how we handle the National and regional parks, as I have to determine how I'm going to address these in the database and in the reports.

As an example, a national park (or forest, etc.) can cover a very large geographical area. There are towns, villages, and permanent residents within the border of these parks. If we consider an activation from anywhere within the boundaries as a fair activation, there are only a limited number of first-time activations available at the national park level, as there are far fewer of these than there are state or provincial parks.

Fortunately most of these parks have units within them that are historical sites, campgrounds, or scenic locations, etc.

One way to handle this would be a first time activation of the park, and first time activations of any unit within the park. The park and each unit would thereby be considered a separate entity available for first-time or subsequent activation. I think this would promote more activity, as there would be more opportunities. Someone activating a unit within a park that was never activated before gets credit for first-time activation of the park and the unit.

Adirondack Park is another example. It stretches across many counties in northern New York, and has individual units within the park that we can treat similarly to national parks as described above.

For those that live within a park, should QSOs from a home QTH count as POTA actiations, or should/must they be portable to promote a spirit of visiting the park and operating from such a location? The only problem I foresee with someone operating from a home QTH is that any and all QSOs in their logs would qualify as POTA contacts and the management of getting those contacts into a databse would be a constant and burdensome chore. It would also considerably skew the results if we started looking at awards for park activators.

Thoughts?

Kos, N4NIA

1486. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activation of National/Regional Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-30 15:31:03 UTC
From: w1pns@comcast.net
Topic: 1485 Message: 1486

Hi Kos,

Thanks for doing this!

My sense is that once a park has been activated for the first time, from anywhere in the park, it's on the list. Then anyone can activate it for certificate purposes. It's nice to be the one to snag a first activation, but in the end, the long-term goal is to build activators and chasers. In a sense, a first-time activation is not unlike those with activities such as SOTA, where a region with a limited number of qualifying peaks will have only a limited number of first-time activations (although with SOTA, that first activation merely goes toward a total number of an operator's activations -- no special recognition for being the first one to activate a peak). If we tailor any first-time-activator recognition to include all first-time activations, regardless of park type, that will allow folks to work toward such recognition without getting hung up on park size or type.

Speaking only for myself, when I've activated parks (more last year than this, unfortunately), it's just been to get them up on the roster.

Now that I think of it, the US version of IOTA requires an initial activation to get an island listed, but from anywhere on the island. We ran into that this year with the New England QRP Club's QRP Afield event. Several of us operated from Four Tree Island in the Piscataqua River at Portsmouth, N.H. One of our operators busted tail to qualify the island during the event -- which he did.

As for activating from the comfy chair at home for those who live within park boundaries, I'd suggest that activations be conducted outside a certain radius from home. The goal of the group is to encourage truly portable operation.

Others may have alternate ideas...

With best regards,

Pete
W1PNS

----- Original Message -----
From: "Kos" <skos@...>
To: "p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 10:03:37 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Activation of National/Regional Parks

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Kos, N4NIA

1487. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activation of National/Regional Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-30 15:58:40 UTC
From: Wayne Dillon
Topic: 1485 Message: 1487

Hi Kos,
First let me echo Pete's thanks for doiong this

On Fri, Nov 30, 2012 at 9:31 AM, <w1pns@...> wrote:

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> Hi Kos,
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> Thanks for doing this!
>
> My sense is that once a park has been activated for the first time, from
> anywhere in the park, it's on the list.
>
>>That would be my feeling as well.

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> one to snag a first activation, but in the end, the long-term goal is to
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> unlike those with activities such as SOTA, where a region with a limited
> number of qualifying peaks will have only a limited number of first-time
> activations (although with SOTA, that first activation merely goes toward a
> total number of an operator's activations -- no special recognition for
> being the first one to activate a peak). If we tailor any
> first-time-activator recognition to include all first-time activations,
> regardless of park type, that will allow folks to work toward such
> recognition without getting hung up on park size or type.
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>> Good analagy.

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> As for activating from the comfy chair at home for those who live within
> park boundaries, I'd suggest that activations be conducted outside a
> certain radius from home. The goal of the group is to encourage truly
> portable operation.
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>>absolutely.

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> Others may have alternate ideas...
>
> With best regards,
>
> Pete

> W1PNS
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>>Pretty much what I was thinking only Pete put it much better than I can!
Thank you all who are making this a fun theme, God Bless de Wayne - KC0PMH

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> *From: *"Kos" <skos@...>
> *To: *"p o t a " <p_o_t_a_@...>
> *Sent: *Friday, November 30, 2012 10:03:37 AM
> *Subject: *[p_o_t_a_] Activation of National/Regional Parks
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> geographical area. There are towns, villages, and permanent residents
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> limited number of first-time activations available at the national park
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> parks.
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> Fortunately most of these parks have units within them that are historical
> sites, campgrounds, or scenic locations, etc.
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> One way to handle this would be a first time activation of the park, and
> first time activations of any unit within the park. The park and each unit
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> subsequent activation. I think this would promote more activity, as there
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> was never activated before gets credit for first-time activation of the
> park and the unit.
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> northern New York, and has individual units within the park that we can
> treat similarly to national parks as described above.
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> POTA actiations, or should/must they be portable to promote a spirit of
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> Kos, N4NIA
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http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh/ Under construction but please visit anyway.
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I'm British by birth but American by CHOICE!

Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owe a debt we cannot
pay...

May the Good Lord make His face to shine upon you.
God Bless from Wayne Dillon - KC0PMH

Joshua 24:14-15
2 Cor 5:17
1 Jn 2:17

http://www.4sqrp.com/index.php

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FPQRP #342 (Flying Pigs QRP Club)
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NAQCC # 0759
QRP-ARCI #11505
SKCC #1155
SOC #848
30MDG#1176
NEQRP #693

1488. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Activation of National/Regional Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-11-30 16:51:48 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1485 Message: 1488

I think the original concept was to activate a park for the first time and it gets a number/designator. After that it was just a matter of collecting that parks number/designator by chasers or activating it by activators. State and National parks were prefixed with US and the two letter state abbreviation plus its number. City/county or regional were prefixed by state/province abbreviations and "CP" plus it's number.

In North Carolina you can't live in a State or National park . You can border it or "squat" on it in Alaska and some of the Northwest territories but no permanent residence.

Activations from home should not be allowed. Defeats the whole purpose of getting out and playing radio.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 11/30/2012 10:04:50 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, skos@bellsouth.net writes:

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Thoughts?

Kos, N4NIA

1489. Too late, DAMN!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-08 16:09:12 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1489 Message: 1489

Folks,

Several local hams (Phoenix Valley Area) will be operating portable mode (off the grid) for the "Radios in the Park" event, scheduled for this Saturday, December 8th from 10 AM to 2 PM local time.

Here's a sample of some of the folks operating the RITP event:

Dennis, KF6RYX - Remington Heights in Queen Creek

Doug, WB7TUJ - Emerald Park in Mesa

Bruce, KF6EZT - Sossaman Estates at Power & Queen Creek Road, Queen Creek

Mark, WX7MB - Tonto National Forest, Phon D. Sutton Recreation Area

Chris, NU0Z - Tentative, TBD

146.460 Mhz is the Valley wide simplex frequency for this event; PL of 77 Hz is employed by some of the event stations.

If you would like to participate and visit one or more of these event locations, this link will show you location via APRS and guide you there:

http://aprs.fi/#!call=a%2FRITP_Den%2Ca%2FRITP_Doug%2Ca%2FRITP_Bruc%2Ca%2FRITP_Ma\
rk%2Ca%2FQCARC
bf&timerange=3600

The Queen Creek Amateur Radio Club is still holding its monthly breakfast at Flight Deck Cafe at 8 AM. Ã☐ (also shown on the link above)

Have fun and 7-3,

Joe, N2QOJ
Queen Creek Amateur Radio Club
Queen Creek Emergency Communications Group

Joe Sammartino
jsammartino@...
480.270.4563

1490. W4DGH/p Monday, Dec 10, 9 AM - 12 Noon Central, 15:00 - 18:00 UTC

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-08 17:07:57 UTC
From: Barry Strickland
Topic: 1490 Message: 1490

W4DGH/p will be a group effort. We will be operating from 9 AM to
Noon Central, 15:00 - 18:00 UTC, Monday, Dec 10, 2012. Look for us
on CW and SSB around the QRP watering holes. We should have at least
three radios in operation. Our location will be in DeSoto State Park,
Alabama, on Lookout Mountain, about 1800' ASL.
The predicted weather conditions for Monday are not ideal. We may
have to unplug at different times to let lightning pass by.
QSL via W4DGH, PO Box 1, Valley Head, AL, 35989.
72, 73 de ab4ql, Barry

1491. POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-12 02:39:15 UTC
From: skos@bellsouth.net
Topic: 1491 Message: 1491

Hi all,

I have completed getting the park activation files and logs into a database and have posted a first-pass report on the site.

I'm about a week behind because I was hoping I could locate or someone would send me the QSO logs for two parks for which there are still without supporting QSOs. I have listed these two parks as:[Provisional - No QSOs] in the report, and I'll remove them from the activated list next month if nothing comes in.

I have modified the park ID slightly; it's based on the original format, but adjusting the National/State/Local designator makes it better for sorting and formatting reports. There's a full description of how it's structured in the report.

Also included are some assumptions and guidelines that I'm proposing that should be discussed.

Finally, I can see the QSO detail portion of the report getting very big after a while. Typically, QSO detail is not publicized so that blind QSLs can be exchanged, but since this information was already posted I included it.

Our option is to just include the callsign and handle it "expedition style" to confirm a station is in the log, but doesn't include the detail so a blind QSL can occur.

The report can be found here:

http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/

The filename is POTA-2012-12.pdf

I'd propose that we should probably archive the individual files and folders with all the original information and ask that everyone send me their activation logs until such time as we work out another permanent process.

Let me know your thoughts and ideas -

Thanks,

Kos, N4NIA

1492. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-13 21:55:18 UTC
From: Peter Spotts
Topic: 1491 Message: 1492

On Wed, 12 Dec 2012 02:39:15 -0000
"skos@..." <skos@...> wrote:

> Hi all,
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Kos,

This is really slick. You've given this a lot of thought. I still think that activating units within a larger park overly complicates things. As I've watched activity in similar organizations, first-time activations are nice, but the activation awards are based on operating from a recognized location, regardless of whether that is the first time or 10th time a ham has operated from it. But I bow to the majority on this, for sure. And your numbering protocol is well designed.

I also very much like the provisional occupation, allowing an operator to give out a number even as he or she is gathering QSOs for that site's initial listing.

I can set up a page on the website for submitting logs to you via email. What would you think about receiving them as *.adi files? And we could specify on the page the information we need in a log to avoid information overload at your end.

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Nicely done...

With best regards,

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1493. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-13 22:38:12 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1491 Message: 1493

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determined designator is not assigned until after the first 5 contacts are made.
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lative and the next activator only has to make 1 contact to gain a designator.
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Kos,
The spotting/scheduling page is ready.

Randy_KB4QQJ
http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/ (http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/)

In a message dated 12/13/2012 4:55:24 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
w1pns@... writes:

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operator to give out a number even as he or she is gathering QSOs
for that site's initial listing.

1494. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-14 00:51:50 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1491 Message: 1494

Thanks Pete,

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Do I understand that you can enable this database or a similar one online for direct entry of QSOs? If so, we can confer on that.

Kos, N4NIA

On 12/13/12 4:55 PM, Peter Spotts wrote:
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1495. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-14 00:58:57 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1491 Message: 1495

So my understanding was that the original activator needed to make the 5 QSOs to activate a park, but I may be wrong. I kind of like the idea of them accruing until 5 are reached, even by multiple operators on different occasions, but the only question is who gets credit for the first time activation - the first to log a QSO from that park, or the guy who gets the fifth QSO?

I think maybe the intent was that someone work the park long enough to try to get 5 QSOs logged, rather than logging just one or two and moving on.

Good discussion....

Kos, N4NIA

On 12/13/12 5:38 PM, KB4QQJ@... wrote:
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> http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/
> In a message dated 12/13/2012 4:55:24 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
> w1pns@... writes:
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1496. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-14 01:45:21 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 1491 Message: 1496

Pete I have been so busy running around all over teh northern part of this province that I lost track of all going on in the last few months since we awoke the bear..
My backpack radio is almost ready to go and then I will be able to walk through the parks with teh mil whip on and operate..

Fred
VE3FAL
List Owner/Founder/Moderator
----- Original Message -----
From: Peter Spotts
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 4:55 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

On Wed, 12 Dec 2012 02:39:15 -0000
"skos@..." <skos@bellsouth.net> wrote:

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1497. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-14 03:22:24 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1491 Message: 1497

Most logging programs have the option to export in adi, Cabillo, pipe or csv. So getting it into a spread sheet shouldn't be a problem if that is what you are most comfortable with.
We can also use a "merge" program to convert and put in an "access' type database.

Pete may remember the one we used in K3Y's past.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 12/13/2012 7:51:53 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, skos@... writes:

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1498. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-14 03:29:24 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1491 Message: 1498

I think I like the 5 consecutive idea best. That really is a pretty minimal requirement.
My vote is for a minimum of 5 contacts on the same outing to qualify for a designator.
Again, I defer to the majority. I'm out in the parks every week regardless of requirements... :-)

Randy_KB4QQJ

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1499. POTA Activations and Designator

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-14 11:27:53 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 1499 Message: 1499

From the FAQ file in the Files Section

Q) How many contacts must be made to qualify a Park for activation? A) 5 complete QSO's must be logged with complete exchange, name, frequency, time and date etc .

Q) Do the activation QSO's need to be made at one time? A) No they do not, depending on propagation, bands and amount of activity the 5 contacts can be made over any number of days.

A designator will then be given to the Park in Question once these 5 qso's are completed and the file logged.

Once again the activations were being handled by Kyle and a format I believe has prett much been in place, talk of a live activation page and other stuff in the past.
A managers page like SKCC would be ideal for this type of studd as well.

We are still in infancy with this group but do have a fair number of activations completed, if my radio gear was set in my truck or backpack I could have activated 3 Parks on my way to White River (Winnie The Poohs Home) this week.

Fred
VE3FAL

1500. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Activations and Designator

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-14 18:14:14 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1499 Message: 1500

Tell Pooh and the crew hello... ;-)
Do I need to send you a radio pack? Those would be nice catches.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 12/14/2012 6:27:57 A.M. Eastern Standard Time,
ve3fal@... writes:

From the FAQ file in the Files Section

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1501. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Activations and Designator

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-15 05:43:45 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1499 Message: 1501

Holy crap man, either my keyboard was drunk or my fingers were tired from the drive yesterday.
You see the typing errors in that message.
Took the backpack setup out today and attempted to make a few calls on 20 and 17 meters, but at -13C and damp breeze it was hard on the hands.
Was wondering why signals were so low on my FT817 and the Chameleon Mini HyBrid and Mil whip, then I realized mt ATT was on, man what a change that made when I took it off.
I am now home after a 4 hour drive back, left White River was -8C, now plus 2C at 12:42 am EST.....

Fred
VE3FAL

PS:
Randy if Santa could drop an Alice Pack in my lap I would be happy.....

----- Original Message -----
From: KB4QQJ@...
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 1:14 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Activations and Designator

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Do I need to send you a radio pack? Those would be nice catches.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 12/14/2012 6:27:57 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, ve3fal@...t writes:

From the FAQ file in the Files Section

Q) How many contacts must be made to qualify a Park for activation? A) 5 complete QSO's must be logged with complete exchange, name, frequency, time and date etc….

Q) Do the activation QSO's need to be made at one time? A) No they do not, depending on propagation, bands and amount of activity the 5 contacts can be made over any number of days.

A designator will then be given to the Park in Question once these 5 qso's are completed and the file logged.

Once again the activations were being handled by Kyle and a format I believe has prett much been in place, talk of a live activation page and other stuff in the past.
A managers page like SKCC would be ideal for this type of studd as well.

We are still in infancy with this group but do have a fair number of activations completed, if my radio gear was set in my truck or backpack I could have activated 3 Parks on my way to White River (Winnie The Poohs Home) this week.

Fred
VE3FAL

1502. Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-15 20:28:22 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1502 Message: 1502

K5HTB Hugh Travis Burgess
Ray Miller Park, Harris county, Texas
QRP
logged on: 10/2/11

Log exported on: 12/15/2012 2:20:29 PM
<LOG_PGM:19>Amateur Contact Log
<LOG_VER:3>3.0
<PROGRAMID:19>Amateur Contact Log
<PROGRAMVERSION:3>3.0

<EOH>

<Call:5>W0HJW <Qso_Date:8:d>20111002 <Band:3>10M<Mode:3>SSB
<Tx_Pwr:1>5 <Time_On:4>1946 <RST_Sent:2>57 <RST_Rcvd:2>54 <DXCC:3>291 <QSL_Sent:1>N
<QSL_Rcvd:1>N
<Cont:2>NA <Pfx:2>W0 <eor>

<Call:5>W6RFU <Qso_Date:8:d>20111002 <Band:3>10M<Mode:3>SSB
<Tx_Pwr:1>5 <Time_On:4>1950 <RST_Sent:2>57 <RST_Rcvd:2>54 <DXCC:3>291 <State:2>CA
<cnty:16>CA,Santa Barbara

<QSL_Sent:1>N <QSL_Rcvd:1>N
<Gridsquare:4>DM04 <Cont:2>NA <Pfx:2>W6 <Comment:187>Amateur Radio Club At UCSB (Trustee: AC6T) - Ece

Dept - Univ Of CaliforniaUSA - Santa Barbara, CA 93106Amateur Radio Club At UCSB - ECE Dept - Univ Of

California, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93106
<eor>

<Call:5>KO6LU <Qso_Date:8:d>20121025 <Band:3>10M<Mode:3>SSB
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<cnty:14>CA,Santa Clara

<QSL_Sent:1>N <QSL_Rcvd:1>N
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<Comment:129>Robert C

Frostholm - 2060 Tripiano CtUSA - Mountain View, CA 94040Robert C Frostholm - 2060 Tripiano Ct,

Mountain View, CA 94040
<eor>

<Call:4>KO7X <Qso_Date:8:d>20111002 <Band:3>20M<Mode:3>SSB
<Tx_Pwr:1>5 <Time_On:4>2015 <RST_Sent:2>59 <RST_Rcvd:2>53 <DXCC:3>291 <State:2>WY

<cnty:10>WY,Laramie

<QSL_Sent:1>N <QSL_Rcvd:1>N
<Name:4>ALAN <Freq:6>13.309 <Ten_Ten:5>07938 <Gridsquare:6>DN71tb <Cont:2>NA <Pfx:3>KO7

<Comment:109>Alan A Brubaker - 881 West RoadUSA - Carpenter, WY 82054ALAN A BRUBAKER - 881 West Road,

Carpenter, WY 82054
<eor>

<Call:4>KW7D <Qso_Date:8:d>20111002 <Band:3>17M<Mode:3>SSB
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<cnty:7>NM,Luna

<QSL_Sent:1>N <QSL_Rcvd:1>N
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<Comment:120>Paul A Gromatzky Jr - 1803 Shelly DriveUSA - Deming, NM 88030PAUL A GROMATZKY, JR - 1803

SHELLY DRIVE, DEMING, NM 88030
<eor>

<Call:5>K6MMM <Qso_Date:8:d>20111002 <Band:3>15M<Mode:3>SSB
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<cnty:13>CA,Santa Cruz

<QSL_Sent:1>N <QSL_Rcvd:1>N
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<Comment:169>MONKEY LOVERS RADIO CONSORTIUM (Trustee: KE1B) - 21885 Bear Creek WayUSA - Los Gatos,

CA 95033MONKEY LOVERS RADIO CONSORTIUM - 21885 BEAR CREEK WAY, LOS GATOS, CA 95033
<eor>

1503. Re: Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas Cabrillo format

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-16 13:43:09 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1502 Message: 1503

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START-OF-LOG: 2.0
CONTEST: POTA
CALLSIGN: K5HTB
CATEGORY: SINGLE-OP ALL QRP SSB
ARRL-SECTION: STX
CLAIMED-SCORE: 0
CLUB :BRAZOS VALLEY ARC
NAME: HUGH TRAVIS BURGESS
ADDRESS:
OPERATORS:
CREATED-BY: ADIF2CABR V.2.00 (C) SP7DQR
SOAPBOX: E-MAIL: k5htb@...
SOAPBOX: PORTABLE IN RAY MILLER PARK, HARRIS COUNTY PARK, HOUSTON, HARRIS
SOAPBOX: COUNTY, TEXAS.
QSO: 28000 PH 2011-10-02 1946 K5HTB 57 W0HJW 54 CA
QSO: 28000 PH 2011-10-02 1950 K5HTB 57 W6RFU 54 CA
QSO: 28000 PH 2012-10-25 1956 K5HTB 59 KO6LU 54 CA
QSO: 13309 PH 2011-10-02 2015 K5HTB 59 KO7X 53 WY
QSO: 18155 PH 2011-10-02 2050 K5HTB 59 KW7D 55 NM
QSO: 21294 PH 2011-10-02 2106 K5HTB 59 K6MMM 55 CA
END-OF-LOG:

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How anyone can glean information from the following is beyond me.
Gives me a headache thinking about it.

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "k5htb_de_travis" <travburg1@...> wrote:
>
> K5HTB Hugh Travis Burgess
> Ray Miller Park, Harris county, Texas
> QRP
> logged on: 10/2/11
>
> Log exported on: 12/15/2012 2:20:29 PM
> <LOG_PGM:19>Amateur Contact Log
> <LOG_VER:3>3.0
> <PROGRAMID:19>Amateur Contact Log
> <PROGRAMVERSION:3>3.0
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> <EOH>
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> <Call:5>W0HJW <Qso_Date:8:d>20111002 <Band:3>10M<Mode:3>SSB
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<cnty:16>CA,Santa Barbara
>
>

1504. Corrected Log: Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-16 14:00:41 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1502 Message: 1504

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START-OF-LOG: 2.0
CONTEST: POTA
CALLSIGN: K5HTB
CATEGORY: SINGLE-OP ALL QRP SSB
ARRL-SECTION: STX
CLAIMED-SCORE: 0
CLUB :BRAZOS VALLEY ARC
NAME: HUGH TRAVIS BURGESS
ADDRESS:
OPERATORS:
CREATED-BY: ADIF2CABR V.2.00 (C) SP7DQR
SOAPBOX: E-MAIL: k5htb@...
SOAPBOX: PORTABLE IN RAY MILLER PARK, HARRIS COUNTY PARK, HOUSTON, HARRIS ORP 5watts,
SOAPBOX: COUNTY, TEXAS.
QSO: 28000 PH 2011-10-02 1946 K5HTB 57 W0HJW 54
QSO: 28000 PH 2011-10-02 1950 K5HTB 57 W6RFU 54 CA

QSO: 13309 PH 2011-10-02 2015 K5HTB 59 KO7X 53 WY
QSO: 18155 PH 2011-10-02 2050 K5HTB 59 KW7D 55 NM
QSO: 21294 PH 2011-10-02 2106 K5HTB 59 K6MMM 55 CA
END-OF-LOG:
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I had one entry from another date in the previous log.

1505. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Corrected Log: Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-16 23:53:03 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1502 Message: 1505

Great Job Hugh...

Fred
VE3FAL
----- Original Message -----
From: k5htb_de_travis
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sunday, December 16, 2012 9:00 AM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Corrected Log: Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas

START-OF-LOG: 2.0
CONTEST: POTA
CALLSIGN: K5HTB
CATEGORY: SINGLE-OP ALL QRP SSB
ARRL-SECTION: STX
CLAIMED-SCORE: 0
CLUB :BRAZOS VALLEY ARC
NAME: HUGH TRAVIS BURGESS
ADDRESS:
OPERATORS:
CREATED-BY: ADIF2CABR V.2.00 (C) SP7DQR
SOAPBOX: E-MAIL: k5htb@outlook.com
SOAPBOX: PORTABLE IN RAY MILLER PARK, HARRIS COUNTY PARK, HOUSTON, HARRIS ORP 5watts,
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QSO: 18155 PH 2011-10-02 2050 K5HTB 59 KW7D 55 NM
QSO: 21294 PH 2011-10-02 2106 K5HTB 59 K6MMM 55 CA
END-OF-LOG:

I had one entry from another date in the previous log.

1506. Re: Corrected Log: Ray Miller Park, Harris County, Texas

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-17 13:12:40 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1502 Message: 1506

Bye the way, I use Adif2cabr to convert adif to cabrillo.

http://www.sp7dqr.waw.pl/en/converters.php

Travis
K5HTB

1507. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-17 14:53:24 UTC
From: VE3FAL
Topic: 1491 Message: 1507

Originally in the FAQ area and the start of this group it was 5 QSO's to activate. These could have been done over a period of time from the same park. Reason was if like me, I operate all QRP only and have a fair jaunt to the Parks and some pretty adverse wx conditions at times that make it hard to be outside to actually get 5 QSO's at one time, not only that but band cdx when we started a few years ago now were and still are the pits. Heck I even spotted myself for many of the Parks I went to and ever worked any of those from the spotters page, it was folks answering my CQ.

Either way I really dont mind but guess this should maybe be a poll or something.

Fred
VE3FAL
POTA Group Mod/Owner
----- Original Message -----
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
To: skos@... ; p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 10:29 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

I think I like the 5 consecutive idea best. That really is a pretty minimal requirement. My vote is for a minimum of 5 contacts on the same outing to qualify for a designator. Again, I defer to the majority. I'm out in the parks every week regardless of requirements... :-)

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 12/13/2012 7:58:57 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, skos@... writes:
think maybe the intent was that someone work the park long enough to try to get 5 QSOs logged, rather than logging just one or two and moving on.

Good discussion....

Kos, N4NIA

1508. New poll for p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-17 14:59:13 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 59 Message: 1508

Enter your vote today! A new poll has been created for the
p_o_t_a_ group:

The question has come up about Park activations to give it a number.
The question is should the contacts be made in one visit or spread out
over a couple of outings.
The minimum requirement is 5 QSO's to have Park activated and numbered.

Fred
VE3FAL List Owner

o 5 qso's same visit
o 5 qso's spread over a couple of visits
o More then 5 qso's should be required

To vote, please visit the following web page:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/surveys?id=13163336

Note: Please do not reply to this message. Poll votes are
not collected via email. To vote, you must go to the Yahoo! Groups
web site listed above.

Thanks!

1509. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2012-12-17 17:28:17 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1491 Message: 1509

I think the spotting page will work fine for pre arranged or announced activations but for random or unannounced activations the spotter page goes un noticed. I can post announced activations on the calendar so folks will know when to go to the spotter page. (QRPSPOTS/POTAspots)

73,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 12/17/2012 9:53:35 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, ve3fal@... writes:

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Either way I really dont mind but guess this should maybe be a poll or something.

Fred
VE3FAL
POTA Group Mod/Owner

----- Original Message -----
From: _KB4QQJ@..._ (mailto:KB4QQJ@...)
To: _skos@..._ (mailto:skos@...) ;
_p_o_t_a_@..._ (mailto:p_o_t_a_@...)
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 10:29 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA Park Activation & Log Report

I think I like the 5 consecutive idea best. That really is a pretty minimal requirement.
My vote is for a minimum of 5 contacts on the same outing to qualify for a designator.
Again, I defer to the majority. I'm out in the parks every week regardless of requirements... :-)

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 12/13/2012 7:58:57 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, _skos@..._ (mailto:skos@...) writes:

think maybe the intent was that someone work the park long enough to try to get 5 QSOs logged, rather than logging just one or two and moving on.

Good discussion....

Kos, N4NIA

1511. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-07 01:57:50 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1511

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /POTA-2013-01.pdf
Uploaded by : skos@... <skos@...>
Description : January 2013 Activation Report

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA-2013-01.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

skos@... <skos@...>

1512. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-07 02:21:36 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 5 Message: 1512

Well don Kos,
I'm still reading and learning but it looks good so far. You've done a lot of work.

73,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 1/6/2013 8:57:53 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, p_o_t_a_@... writes:

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /POTA-2013-01.pdf
Uploaded by : _skos@..._ (mailto:skos@bellsouth.net)
skos@... (mailto:skos@...) >
Description : January 2013 Activation Report

You can access this file at the URL:
_http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA-2013-01.pdf_
(http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA-2013-01.pdf)

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files
(http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files)

Regards,

skos@... (mailto:skos@...) _skos@..._
(mailto:skos@...) >

1513. File format for posting results of an activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-07 18:40:24 UTC
From: Barry Strickland
Topic: 1513 Message: 1513

OK, Help!!!
I don't work with computer logs. Could we have a form available
to simply download, fill out and submit somewhere?
Could we just fill one out here online and mash the button to submit
it? I remember reading somewhere the methods that could be used but
it would be simpler for many of us to have something available.
I have, at this time, one new activation and one re-activation that
need to be submitted.
Thanks for any help,
Barry ab4ql

1514. Re: [p_o_t_a_] File format for posting results of an activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-07 19:27:33 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1513 Message: 1514

Hi Barry,

I can send you an Excel form if you have the means to load it and fill it in. If not I can send you the form as a PDF, but you
will still need some way to submit it to me.

I'll also post the template on the group site for anyone that may want it.

I don't currently have the means to create an online system for submissions, so until someone else can come up with one, we're having

to use one of these methods for the time being.

Thanks,

Kos

From: Barry Strickland <ab4ql1@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, January 7, 2013 1:40:37 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] File format for posting results of an activation

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Barry ab4ql

1515. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-07 19:29:19 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Topic: 5 Message: 1515

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /POTA Log Submission Template.xlsx
Uploaded by : skos@... <skos@...>
Description : Log Submission Excel Template

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA%20Log%20Submission%20Template.xlsx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

skos@... <skos@...>

1516. Re: [p_o_t_a_] File format for posting results of an activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-08 01:01:22 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@aol.com
Topic: 1513 Message: 1516

Kos,
If you send me the PDF I may be able to make a fillable form from it. Worth
a try anyway.

Barry,
Any word processor or spreadsheet will work also. Just keep it in the
format of the ARRL log book. If you can do email, electronic logging would be a
snap. Genlogis free and dead dirt simple.

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 1/7/2013 2:27:39 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, skos@bells
outh.net writes:

Hi Barry,

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in. If not I can send you the form as a PDF, but you
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Thanks,

Kos

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From: Barry Strickland <ab4ql1@...>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Mon, January 7, 2013 1:40:37 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] File format for posting results of an activation

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1517. Re: [p_o_t_a_] File format for posting results of an activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-08 15:11:53 UTC
From: Wayne Dillon
Topic: 1513 Message: 1517

I'll second the comment about GenLog, http://www.qsl.net/w3km/ , super
piece of software, runs on just about anything and real easy to get to
know. let me or Randy know if you have any questions about it.
72/3 es God Bless de Wayne - KC0PMH

On Mon, Jan 7, 2013 at 7:01 PM, <KB4QQJ@...> wrote:

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> **
> Kos,
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> Worth a try anyway.
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> Barry,
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> Randy_KB4QQJ
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> to use one of these methods for the time being.
>
> Thanks,
>
> Kos
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> ------------------------------
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> *To:* p_o_t_a_@...
> *Sent:* Mon, January 7, 2013 1:40:37 PM
> *Subject:* [p_o_t_a_] File format for posting results of an activation
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> need to be submitted.
> Thanks for any help,
> Barry ab4ql
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>

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http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh/ Under construction but please visit anyway.
**
QRP - *EFFICIENCY AND SKILL, NOT POWER.*

I'm British by birth but American by CHOICE!

Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owe a debt we cannot
pay...

May the Good Lord make His face to shine upon you.
God Bless from Wayne Dillon - KC0PMH

Joshua 24:14-15
2 Cor 5:17
1 Jn 2:17

http://www.4sqrp.com/index.php

4 State QRP Group NCS - 40m & 160m
4SQRP #95
FPQRP #342 (Flying Pigs QRP Club)
G-QRP-C #11504
NAQCC # 0759
QRP-ARCI #11505
SKCC #1155
SOC #848
30MDG#1176
NEQRP #693
GORC #192

1518. Re: [p_o_t_a_] File format for posting results of an activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-09 23:38:13 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1513 Message: 1518

Just use eQSL...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q
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1519. Re: File format for posting results of an activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-10 13:14:29 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1513 Message: 1519

Apache Open Office (free) has an Excell clone that works nicely. I opened the Excell form in it and was able to add information to it in a test.

http://www.openoffice.org/why/

Travis
K5HTB

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1520. File format

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-17 00:26:55 UTC
From: Barry Strickland
Topic: 1520 Message: 1520

Thanks to all for the suggestions for filing activation reports.
I dug around and found an old version of Excel on my computer
(2002) and it worked.
I found I could not open the open file Kos sent but he could open
my old version with no problem.
I have downloaded Gen Log and will try to become familiar with
it. I am so used to my all my old paper log books it will take
some time I am sure.
Thanks to all,
Barry ab4ql

1521. (no subject)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-01-25 03:35:35 UTC
From: David Nagel
Topic: 1521 Message: 1521

http://www.controlab.eu/components/com_content/wmnw.html

David Nagel

1522. Morse code survey

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-02-08 20:55:10 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1522 Message: 1522

This was originally a survey for the participants of the QRP Challenge,
www.qrpchallenge.com.
But a lot of others wanted in on it so it was opened to everybody. Maybe some on this
reflector would like to participate.
I would be interested in the final findings.
Thanks for the band space and participate if you like. If not, the delete keys works great.

Send your data and comments here..
Survey--> http://cwfun.org/survey/

Dick. k2rfp
Freeware--> http://cwfun.org/zip

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73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

1523. List National Park in Venezuela, South America

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-02-18 17:26:34 UTC
From: Juan Saer
Topic: 1523 Message: 1523

1º
PARQUE NACIONAL HENRI PITTIER
Selvas nubladas, bosque seco y playas.

2º
PARQUE NACIONAL GUATOPO
Bosques y ríos.

3º
PARQUE NACIONAL YURUBÍ
Selvas nubladas, ríos y quebradas

4º
PARQUE NACIONAL YACAMBÚ
Selva nublada y nacientes de ríos

5º
PARQUE NACIONAL ARCHIPIÉLAGO DE LOS ROQUES
Barreras coralinas, cayos, playas y manglares.

6º
PARQUE NACIONAL MOCHIMA
Playas, islas, arrecifes y montañas continentales.

7º
PARQUE NACIONAL MÉDANOS DE CORO
Dunas y cardones.

8º
PARQUE NACIONAL CERRO COPEY JÓVITO VILLABA
Matorral nublado.

9º
PARQUE NACIONAL MORROCOY
Manglares, cayos y playas.

10º
PARQUE NACIONAL TEREPAIMA
Bosques húmedos.

11º
PARQUE NACIONAL SERRANíA LA NEBLINA
Selva amazónica.

12º
PARQUE NACIONAL DUIDA MARAHUACA
Selvas, ríos y tepuyes.

13º
PARQUE NACIONAL SIERRA DE PERIJÁ
Selvas, páramos y tundras.

14º
PARQUE NACIONAL SAN ESTEBAN
Selvas, paisajes costeros e Islas.

15º
PARQUE NACIONAL SANTOS LUZARDO
(CAPANAPARO - CINARUCO)
Llanos, médanos y ríos.

16º
PARQUE NACIONAL DINIRA
Bosques, cuencas y páramos

17º
PARQUE NACIONAL CHORRO EL INDIO
Selvas húmedas

18º
PARQUE NACIONAL CERRO SAROCHE
Tierras Áridas

19º
PARQUE NACIONAL DELTA DEL ORINOCO (MARIUSA)
Cayos, manglares y palmas.

20º
PARQUE NACIONAL PARIMA TAPIRAPECÓ
Nacientes del Orinoco y selva amazónica.

21º
PARQUE NACIONAL GRAL. MANUEL MANRIQUE (TIRGUA)
Bosques y cuencas altas

22º
PARQUE NACIONAL TAPO-CAPARO
Selvas húmedas, ríos y represas.

23º
PARQUE NACIONAL SIERRA NEVADA
Glaciares, páramos, bosques y lagunas.

24º
PARQUE NACIONAL Waraira Repano
Bosques, sabanas, ríos y quebradas.

25º
PARQUE NACIONAL CANAIMA
Sabanas, selvas, tepuyes, ríos y saltos de agua.

26º
PARQUE NACIONAL CUEVA DE LA QUEBRADA DEL TORO
Cavernas con río subterráneo.

27º
PARQUE NACIONAL MACARAO
Bosque húmedo.

28º
PARQUE NACIONAL LAGUNA DE LA RESTINGA
Manglares, canales para navegación y playas.

29º
PARQUE NACIONAL LAGUNA DE TACARIGUA
Manglares, lagunas y playas.

30º
PARQUE NACIONAL AGUARO GUARIQUITO
Llanos, ríos y morichales.

31º
PARQUE NACIONAL EL GUÁ CHARO
Cavernas, ríos y guácharos.

32º
PARQUE NACIONAL JAUA SARISARIÑAMA
Selvas, tepuyes y simas de hundimiento.

33º
PARQUE NACIONAL CERRO YAPACANA
Selvas amazónicas y tepuyes.

34º
PARQUE NACIONAL PENÚ NSULA DE PARIA
Playas y bosques.

35º
PARQUE NACIONAL EL TAMÁ
Selvas nubladas y páramos.

36º
PARQUE NACIONAL JUAN CRISÓSTOMO FALCÓN
(SIERRA DE SAN LUÃÍS)
Selvas húmedas y ríos subterráneos.

37º
PARQUE NACIONAL G. CRUZ CARRILLO (GUARAMACAL)
Selvas nubladas y páramos.

38º
PARQUE NACIONAL G. CRUZ CARRILLO (GUARAMACAL)
Selvas nubladas y páramos.

39º
PARQUE NACIONAL G. JUAN PABLO PEÑALOZA
Páramos y selvas húmedas.

40º
PARQUE NACIONAL SIERRA DE LA CULATA
Páramos, páramos desértico y selvas.

41º
PARQUE NACIONAL TURUÉPANO
Manglares, cayos y fauna acuática.

42º
PARQUE NACIONAL CIÉNAGAS DE JUAN MANUEL
Pantanos, delta y bosques inundados.

43º
PARQUE NACIONAL CIÉNAGAS DE JUAN MANUEL
Pantanos, delta y bosques inundados.

44º
PARQUE NACIONAL SAN CAMILO (RÍO VIEJO)
Selvas y ríos llaneros

45º
PARQUE NACIONAL EL GUACHE
Bosques nublados y ríos.

1524. POTA in Venezuela

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-02-18 17:28:46 UTC
From: Juan Saer
Topic: 1524 Message: 1524

Dear colleagues, I am John Saer yy4kwb www.qrz.com/db/yy4kwb rookie but entuciasmado with amateur radio, and also with off road rides for Venezuela, now joining the 2 hobbies in turn had pemsado Venezuelan national parks, and looking at I got internet with such a good initiative. Now you would like to join and support their initiative and in turn ask for your support in the activation of the national parks.

Well if you would like Sabert tienene which rules are and what will be needed of us send them, we have two groups of trips off the road, and the new www.barro4x4.com www.g5dx.com both radio but still informal formalization process legal.

we welcome your feedback.

in spanish:

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En fin quisieramos sabert si ustedes tienene normas cuales son y que necesitarian de nosostros les enviemos, tenemos dos grupos el de paseos off road, www.barro4x4.com y el nuevo de radio www.g5dx.com ambos todavia informales pero en proceso de formalizacion legal.
esperamos sus coemtarios.
Juan Saer Viso

1525. Re: POTA in Venezuela

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-02-20 23:02:21 UTC
From: YV5EN - Edwin Rivera
Topic: 1524 Message: 1525

Dear Juan, welcome to P.O.T.A,

There is a special folder for Venezuelan Parks in the POTA Group folder on "Venezuela -Files and Documents"
(http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Venezuela%20-Files%20and%20Documents/)

We, Dario YY5DCV and I YV5EN are POTA members, so we can share information about your activities.

Many 72, 73 and Gd DX
Edwin YV5EN (Ex YV5HUJ)

SP:
Hola juan, bienvenido al grupo POTA
En Archivos (Files) hay una carpeta exclusiva para los parques de Venezuela válidos para POTA, llamada "Venezuela -Files and Documents", en:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/Venezuela%20-Files%20and%20Documents/

Darío YY5DCV y yo YV5EN somos miembros activos de POTA, así que estamos a la orden.

Muchos 72, 73 y buenos DX
Edwin YV5EN (Ex YV5HUJ)

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1526. Doug Chlan

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-02-25 08:11:19 UTC
From: Doug Chlan
Topic: 1526 Message: 1526

http://www.mocomoconz.com/gaznf/6ek5gibztmdyc6yyv7sv2.wsk?z6itcyq3z73xue4jogrj43pklg2g8k2/
25/2013 9:11:16 AMDoug Chlan

1527. P.O.T.A Activation Planned - TX - Saturday, 09 March

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-08 20:19:02 UTC
From: n5emqrp
Topic: 1527 Message: 1527

I am planning my first POTA Activation for Saturday March 09 from 1900 - 2100 UTC at Stephen F Austin SP in South Texas (EL19). Planned freq include 14.060+ and 21.060+ depending on propogation. I plan to spot on QRPSPOTS.com. I'll be running KX3 at 5W.

Thanks,
Ed, N5EM

1528. POTA activation help for New Mexico State Park(s)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-12 02:47:16 UTC
From: n5yyx
Topic: 1528 Message: 1528

Hello all,
I have been camped at Oasis SP and have worked several stations. Do any of these count if I didn't mention they were for POTA?

Also, I don't have Internet on any computer here. Just iPhone or iPad. What format can I use to submit my logs? I normally use paper.

I likely will be moving to Ute Lake SP in a few days. Then should be in Bottomless Lakes SP near first of next month. All New Mexico. Not sure where after that. ?

Just joined the list so trying to play catchup on how it is done. Sounds like fun!

James-N5YYX 73

1529. Re: [p_o_t_a_] POTA activation help for New Mexico State Park(s)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-12 15:33:36 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1528 Message: 1529

I don't see why it would be required to specifically state the contacts were for POTA; If you made contacts I would think they would be valid for activation.

You can send them to me in whatever format you can, and I'll get them in the database. I'd prefer to have a spreadsheet, but you can use a text file and send it to me after you get Internet service. My address is good in QRZ.com if you want to mail me a hard list.

Kos, N4NIA

On 3/11/13 10:47 PM, n5yyx wrote:
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> James-N5YYX 73
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1530. Re: POTA activation help for New Mexico State Park(s)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-12 20:54:48 UTC
From: n5yyx
Topic: 1528 Message: 1530

Ok thanks Kos. I'll get them to you one way or the other. Wrapping up some loose ends here before we move.

Just in case someone might have a solution.... I can read the files that others have put in the file section on this iPod. I think most are some spread sheet format. ?? I just don't know if the iPod has an app that will allow me to enter data/logs? I'll check, but in mean time-if anyone knows please let me know.

I work only portable now and a lot from State Parks now that we are full time rvers. I have gotten real interested in SOTA(summits on the air). So most of my contacts with the summit activators has been from state parks and QRP/p. SOTA - POTA. :-)

All for now.
Thanks
James-N5YYX 73

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1531. Washington State parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-14 04:23:47 UTC
From: Ed Lisowski
Topic: 1531 Message: 1531

Hi,

I am new to the list. I was not sure if this should go to Fred or Pete or to the whole list.

I was browsing the folder of USA State and National Parks and noticed that Washington State is among 10 states that doesn't have a list of state and national parks. Is someone working on that list, or are you looking for someone to work on it?

About a year ago I tried to get involved with the World Flora and Fauna Progam and got a spreadsheet of their list of national parks and it included National Wildlife Areas. Does this group also activate wildlife areas? What about federal wilderness areas?

We have a local not-for-profit land conservancy that own 1/2 a mountain. Can they be included on the list?

Thanks.

Ed Lisowski, AD7FC

1532. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Washington State parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-14 13:07:25 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1531 Message: 1532

Hi Ed,

I think there was an effort early on to get comprehensive lists of parks
and assign them numbers for use when activations occur, but exhaustively
documenting every local, state, or national park is quite an undertaking,
and the list is seldom maintained when changes occur.
It doesn't appear anyone has done this for Washington State.

Recently we have been assigning Park IDs as parks are activated. If you are
interested in putting together a list for Washington for your own use or as
a reference for others, it may be useful, but again it's a lot of work and
difficult to maintain. We really don't need them for activation purposes.

I don't know that Wildlife areas and private parks like the conservancy
have been discussed as to whether they would be eligible for activations.
Perhaps some others can chime in with opinions. It would be simple enough
to add them for logging purposes.

Kos,

N4NIA

On Thu, Mar 14, 2013 at 12:23 AM, Ed Lisowski <darland@nwinfo.net> wrote:

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> Ed Lisowski, AD7FC
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1533. Re: Washington State parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-15 11:07:32 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1531 Message: 1533

Personally, I think that Federal and State wildlife preserves should be included as many of them are open to the public. State and County parks are fair game so why not wildlife preserves.
Travis
K5HTB

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, Kos <kosmetatos@...> wrote:
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1534. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Washington State parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-15 12:54:16 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1531 Message: 1534

I can make a file for the State of Washington but, I will include everything and then you decide if it warrents activation.

Kyle N4NSS

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.
So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.....
Explore. Dream. Discover.” --Mark Twain

1535. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Washington State parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-15 13:23:17 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 1531 Message: 1535

On 03/14/2013 12:23 AM, Ed Lisowski wrote:
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> Thanks.
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> Ed Lisowski, AD7FC
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Hi Ed,

Welcome to the list!

The list works. Crowd sourcing. ;-) In general, I would say that if the entity is run by the NPS, or the state, county, and local equivalents, it's fair game. That said, the idea is to get out and enjoy natural settings, or at least settings with more green than concrete. The NPS runs John Quincy Adams' house in Quincy, MA, and an industrial museum in the heart of Lowell, MA. Given the intent of the group, I'm not sure they really fit into the spirit of the group's activity, although technically, they are NPS properties.

As for non-profit conservancies, I could envision those being a bit more difficult, at least in some cases. I'm not sure my local Audubon Society sanctuaries would appreciate me setting up, even if only in the parking lot. I suspect public parks, at whatever level of government allow for more consistent, relatively hassle-free access around the country. After all, our taxes are paying for them.

On the other hand, SOTA assigns numbers to peaks based on the physical characteristics of a summit alone. The organization recognizes that some

summits are on private land, and that landowner permission would be required for access. So maybe non-profits could work, recognizing that some may say no. We'd want to be careful to strongly encourage potential activators to get permission from the non-profit's governing body, or whatever, before attempting to activate land it holds.

I don't know what others might think about this...

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
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NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1536. W4W special event station

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-16 15:11:57 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 1536 Message: 1536

Hey all

Were running a special event station for the birthday of Wellington Florida.

14.255
21.260
7.232

Come on the air and find us.

1537. TSPOTA (Texas State Parks on the Air)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-26 19:24:28 UTC
From: kb5iqj2001
Topic: 1537 Message: 1537

TSPOTA is having contest, 6TH & 7TH April 2013. First of it's kind.
Check out it's web site. Look at 'ACTIVATED" for a list of Parks
that will be on the air.

DON/KB5IQJ

1538. Re: TSPOTA (Texas State Parks on the Air)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-03-27 15:36:06 UTC
From: n7rr
Topic: 1537 Message: 1538

Don --
What a wonderful idea! Your contest encourages hams to get outdoors breathing spring air and playing radio. To add to that, your contest does not include a signal report exchange. I've put it on my calendar for April 6 and 7. I'll spread the word about your website: <http://tspota.com/site/index>. Maybe I'll use the occasion to climb a SOTA summit in Washington State and work the contest from there! Congratulations!
73, Bruce Prior N7RR

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "kb5iqj2001" <kb5iqj@...> wrote:
>
> TSPOTA is having contest, 6TH & 7TH April 2013. First of it's kind.
> Check out it's web site. Look at 'ACTIVATED" for a list of Parks
> that will be on the air.
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> DON/KB5IQJ
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1539. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-08 00:37:43 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@...
Topic: 5 Message: 1539

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /2013-04-3.pdf
Uploaded by : skos@... <kosmetatos@...>
Description : April 2013 Activation Report

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/2013-04-3.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

skos@... <kosmetatos@...>

1540. Re: New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-09 14:15:20 UTC
From: n5yyx
Topic: 5 Message: 1540

Wow! Easy to see you've been hard at work on this! Thanks Kos!!

I'm at Bottomless Lake SP, NM now. Wifi has been giving me trouble working, so just got notice of the file and then link didn't work.

If wind/dirt settles down in couple of days I hope to get on the air some while here. Will then be moving to Sumner Lake SP, NM

I'll try to get a message to list when I get close to getting on air.

James-N5YYX 73

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> Regards,
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> skos@... <kosmetatos@...>
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1541. For Sale QRP Package

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-12 20:48:20 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1541 Message: 1541

QRP Package:
Yaesu FT-817nd sr# 7L310400, 300hz CW filter, internal battery with charger, hand microphone, 2m-6m ducky antenna, manual with Pack-It reference book, laminated quick cheat sheet, LDG 100 ProII tuner, Signalink SL-1+ with cables, extra 9.6V batteries and charger, various DC cables, black carry case and carry case for extra outboard battery.
This package is a great QRP setup! All you need is an antenna.
New prices:
FT-817nd---------- $700+ battery/charger
300hz. filter----- $120
LDG Z-11 Pro-II--- $170
Signalink SL-1+--- $110+
You add it up. All I'm asking for this complete setup is $700.00 plus S/H.
N4NSS@... Pictures are available.

Kyle N4NSS

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.
So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.....
Explore. Dream. Discover.” --Mark Twain

1542. What is the Current status of POTA?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-23 04:08:12 UTC
From: scarpad1701
Topic: 1542 Message: 1542

I and a Friend have started activating parks, the first in CT at the Granville State Forest this past weekend, but other than the most basic operating procedures, cannot find any point system in place or rules to follow. Is POTA a still active group, who should we talk to about organizing ?

1543. Re: [p_o_t_a_] What is the Current status of POTA?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-23 12:01:22 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1542 Message: 1543

There are a number of folks out there activating parks, though overall enthusiasm for the project has seemed to wane in recent times. Organizationally, there isn't much, and many of the "rules: - such as they exist, are embodied in the messages that constitute the reflector.

That being said, I'd encourage you to go and work the parks for activations - work at least 5 contacts and the park qualifies as "activated" . This applies to any National, State, or local park. I am maintaining the database, and the activation reports can be found on the Yahoo site: http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/ under the Files menu.

The spreadsheet form for reporting the activation QSOs can also be found there. Send them on to me and I'll roll it into the next activation report.

I think as the weather improves we will see an uptick in activity.

73,

Kos, N4NIA

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1544. Re: [p_o_t_a_] What is the Current status of POTA?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-23 12:50:44 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1542 Message: 1544

As one of the founders I recall City Parks have their own group at CPOTA.
National and State Parks are part of POTA.

I have attempted and I think Pete has as well to come up with some awards for
activators and those who work the Parks.

Need them to be a web based printable certificate though as I dont have time
and $ to make and print and mail certificates.

This past year my work has had me travelling and very little time for radio
let alone some of teh groups I belong too and run, but such is life.

many thanks for taking care of the database, and many thaks to those who help
with the group.

Fred
YouKits Canada Rep.
http://www.youkits.com
CIW649/VE3FAL
CFARS Member
SATERN Member
SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Great Lakes Region
http://www.satern.org
DEC Amethyst District ARES
http://www.thunderbay.emergencyradio.ca/

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1545. Re: [p_o_t_a_] What is the Current status of POTA?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-23 16:28:53 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@...
Topic: 1542 Message: 1545

There is also the spotting page I host, but as you can see there has been no activity in a long time.
http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/pota-show.html
I also started a Project group for the organizers but again there has been no activity there either.
If you have any interest in organizing let me know and I'll be glad to add you to the list of few and turn it over to you.
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HQ_POTA/

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 4/23/2013 8:01:26 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, kosmetatos@... writes:

On Tue, Apr 23, 2013 at 12:08 AM, scarpad1701 <_scarpad@..._ (mailto:scarpad@...) > wrote:

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1546. Re: [p_o_t_a_] What is the Current status of POTA?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-24 02:13:20 UTC
From: CHIEF OKRAHEAD
Topic: 1542 Message: 1546

WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF REPORTING AN ACTIVATION?
I THOUGHT I WAS A MEMBER , BUT CAN NOT ACCESS HOME PAGE!

KD5RGJ
SPENCER

1547. Iron Horse State Park (central WA) on 27 April 2013

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-25 23:15:59 UTC
From: Ed Lisowski
Topic: 1547 Message: 1547

I plan to activate Iron Horse State Park (central Washington State) on Saturday, 27 April 2013 beginning at 1330 PDT (2030 UTC) for about 2 hours. I will start at 10 KHz below standard SSB QRP calling frequencies on 15 M then 20 M, and move +/- depending on QRM. If I get a prior request from nearby stations, I can also work 40M.

I am doing this in conjunction with QRP to the Field
http://www.zianet.com/qrp/qrpttf/2013.htm
whose theme this year is "Happy Trails" ☐ that is, operating from or near an historic trail. Iron Horse State Park includes the 100-mile-long John Wayne Pioneer Trail, which is part of the former Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad right-of-way. I will try to set up at the Army West trailhead, about 6 miles east of the town of Kittitas.

Ed Lisowski, AD7FC

1548. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Iron Horse State Park (central WA) on 27 April 2013

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-25 23:29:45 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 1547 Message: 1548

Good luck ED on your activation, weather is warming up and should be able to operate from Parks shortly.....

Fred
VE3FAL
----- Original Message -----
From: Ed Lisowski
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2013 7:15 PM
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Iron Horse State Park (central WA) on 27 April 2013

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Ed Lisowski, AD7FC

1549. Alberta Parks on the Air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-04-27 22:40:12 UTC
From: ve6stp
Topic: 1549 Message: 1549

I'm interested in helping out the Parks on the Air group. Other than activating or chasing parks, is there anything I can do to help out the group? As I am in VE6 land, my interests naturally fall into anything alberta or western canada... is there a file(s) that needs maintaining, gathering of information, website to update, etc....

I was toying around with an idea to have an alberta specific website to increase the parks on the air awarness, would this be better served with updating a central pota website?

I welcome any comments, ideas or suggestions. I have been eager to activate a park here in alberta and it looks like it will become reality this year.

Thank you,
Stephane
VE6STP

1550. 2013 NJQRP Skeeter Hunt

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-01 11:55:02 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1550 Message: 1550

2013 NJQRP Skeeter Hunt Announcement
Tue Apr 30, 2013 5:04 pm (PDT) . Posted by:
"Larry Makoski" w2lj@verizon.net
The NJQRP Club is announcing the Second Annual " Skeeter Hunt". The objective is to get QRPers out of their shacks for the day; and into the fresh air and sunshine, to spread their wings and fill the airwaves with "Skeeters" ;. While commercial equipment can certainly utilized, bonus multipliers will be awarded for those who personally home brewed their own or kit built their own equipment (equipment not built by the operator would not count as either home brewed or kit built - it would be considered commercial equipment). This year, the event is to be held on Sunday August 11th. It will be a four hour sprint - from 17:00 UTC to 21:00 UTC (1:00 TO 5:00 PM EDT).

The theme for this year is "bodies of water". We all know that Skeeters love the water. While we don’t want you going anywhere near actual Skeeter breeding grounds, we encourage operating near any local rivers, brooks, creeks, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, or even near a bay or the sea shore! Please make sure to take pictures and tell us about it in your Soapbox comments. (Bird baths, swimming pools, old tires filled with water, buckets, Dixie cups, etc. will NOT count for the contest!)

Stations who wish to be designated as "Skeeters" ; can get a Skeeter number by requesting one by sending an e-mail to w2lj@... Please let me know if you intend to operate from a state other than your home state as listed on QRZ. Skeeter numbers will be issued from May through the day before the event. The official Website for the NJQRP Skeeter Hunt is http://www.qsl. net/w2lj/

Station Classes and Multipliers
X1 Home stations - commercial equipment
X2 Home stations - home brewed or kit built equipment
X3 Portable station - commercial equipment
X4 Portable station - home brewed or kit built equipment

Portable stations cannot use permanent antennas, i.e you can't work from your backyard, hook up to your dipole or tower and yagi and be considered a portable station. Also, portable stations cannot be connected to the local power grid - alternative energy sources must be used - solar, battery, wind, etc.

Multi-Op Stations: - Great idea! Want to get together with some of your best buds to have a barbeque and hunt some Skeeters? FB deal, OM! When you send in your log, send the calls of everyone who participated under that call and or Skeeter number. And remember to send pictures of your group for the soapbox!

Suggested Call - Either CQ QRP or CQ BZZ

Exchange -
Skeeter Stations - RST, S/P/C, Skeeter number
Non-Skeeter Stations - RST, S/P/C, Output power

Modes – CW, SSB (new for this year!)
Power - 5W max CW, 10 Watts max SSB

Scoring -
Working a Skeeter Station - 2 points
Working a non-Skeeter Station - 1 point
Work a WAE station - 3 points - Yes! The Worked All Europe contest (CW) is the same day - working DX stations (different continent) will get you extra points!

Total score equals the number of QSO points times the number of S/P/Cs worked on all bands (stations can be worked on multiple bands for QSO points and S/P/C credit) times the multiplier for station class. For example, if you work W2LJ on 20 and 40 Meters, it counts as 2 QSOs and NJ counts for a S/P/C on each band.

Bonus points – An extra 500 points can be added to your score if you operate near a lake, stream, river, pond, beach, etc. as stated above Please send a photo of your set up, along with your log submission in order to claim points.

Suggested frequencies:
The QRP "Watering Holes"

For CW
80 Meters ~ 3.560 MHz
40 Meters ~ 7.040 and 7.030 MHz - also consider using from 7.114 to 7.122 MHz for a "slower" speed CW area. We want to have everyone involved!
20 Meters ~ 14.060 MHz
15 Meters ~ 21.060 MHz
10 Meters ~ 28.060 MHz

For SSB
80 Meters ~ 3.985 MHz
40 Meters ~ 7.285 MHz
20 Meters ~ 14.285 MHz
15 Meters ~ 21.385 MHz
10 Meters ~ 28.885 MHz

These are suggested starting points, of course. Feel free to spread out and give your "Skeeter" wings a chance to do their thing.

Categories: CW Only and SSB Only, or Mixed Operating will be considered separate categories. Please indicate with your log summary which category you are participating as.

Log summaries, photos and soapbox comments can be sent to w2lj@... no later than 14 days after the event. Certificates will be issued to the top scorers of each category as well as others to be determined. Here's an example of a summary that should be used:

Larry - W2LJ - NJ
Skeeter #4 - All CW
Skeeter QSOs - 23
Non-Skeeter QSOs - 5
DX QSOs - (if any)
S/P/Cs - 18
Station Class Multiplier X4
Claiming Bonus - No

If you send me all that information, I will figure out your score for you.

Hope to hear and work all of you during this year's event. Special thanks to the NJQRP club for their sponsorship!

72 de Larry W2LJ
QRP - When you care to send the very least!

Kyle N4NSS

Fully Loaded:
Elecraft K3 #1605 KPA500 #029 P3 #1480 KAT500 #50 KX3 #1845
Operated in memory of W9DVM (SK). Thanks Phil.... You are missed.

1551. Re: What is the Current status of POTA?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-03 05:40:49 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1542 Message: 1551

Quoting form the Activation report in January that Kos? posted:

[POTA Activation Log
This publication is a monthly report of the activation status of the Parks On The Air (POTA) program.
POTA is an effort to activate national, state, provincial, and local parks by hams using any of the authorized bands and modes available.]

There are several City and County parks that have already received an activation number that follows the naming scheme that was posted. I was glad to see someone take the initiative to produce it and still go by those guidelines.

There was a Projects group formed but the only members became inactive. it is still open to anyone wanting to organize and administrate. I would love to see someone get hold of this group and organize and administrate it.

As I'm doing 3 other groups/clubs presently as well as the antenna/QRP radio/key business I use every available chance I get to operate in a Park. I've provided web space for anyone wanting to manage a web page (free) as well as a spotting page (free). It's there for the taking and administering..... not so subtle.....hint hint. :-)

Randy_KB4QQJ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "Fred VE3FAL" <ve3fal@...> wrote:
>
> As one of the founders I recall City Parks have their own group at CPOTA.
> National and State Parks are part of POTA.
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1552. Re: What is the Current status of POTA?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-03 05:47:37 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1542 Message: 1552

Sorry, my brain fell asleep:
Those files can be found here in the files section as
January 2013 Activation Report POTA-2013-01.pdf and
April 2013 Report POTA-2013-04-3.pdf
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/

Thanks Kos!

Randy_KB4QQJ

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1553. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-03 16:18:58 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@...
Topic: 5 Message: 1553

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /POTA-2013-05.pdf
Uploaded by : skos@... <kosmetatos@...>
Description : May 2013 Activation Report

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA-2013-05.pdf

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

skos@... <kosmetatos@...>

1554. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-03 22:09:11 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 5 Message: 1554

Very nice job...

Kyle N4NSS

Fully Loaded:
Elecraft K3 #1605 KPA500 #029 P3 #1480 KAT500 #50 KX3 #1845
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>_____
> From: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
>To: p_o_t_a_@...
>Sent: Friday, May 3, 2013 12:18 PM
>Subject: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
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>http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA-2013-05.pdf
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>To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
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1555. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-03 22:23:25 UTC
From: ve3fal-Fred
Topic: 5 Message: 1555

Very nice job indeed..
But there are a bunch from Ontario missing that were in the original data base at one time.

Kakabeka Provincial Park
Sleeping Giant Provincial Park
Pigeon River Provincial Park

I think Mike may have activated one or two near Ottawa as well if I am not mistaken.

Fred
VE3FAL

----- Original Message -----
From: Kyle N4NSS
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 6:09 PM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

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Kyle N4NSS

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File : /POTA-2013-05.pdf
Uploaded by : mailto:skos%40bellsouth.net <mailto:kosmetatos%40gmail.com>
Description : May 2013 Activation Report

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Regards,

mailto:skos%40bellsouth.net <mailto:kosmetatos%40gmail.com>

1556. This was original post with those worked for Kakabeka Falls

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-03 22:30:23 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 1556 Message: 1556

In a message dated 8/22/2011 1:54:10 P.M. Atlantic Daylight Time, ve3fal@tbaytel.net writes:
Kakabeka Provincial Falls Park near Thunder Bay is now officially activated.
I made a total of 7 qso's this weekend with my FT-817 and 33.5' MFL telescopic pole using a vertical on it.
I spent hours calling,spotting on QRP Spots with little action noted after spotting.

I want to thank:
WB8DQT/QRP
WG0AT/QRP
WA9CW
WA3QWT
VE3FUJ
NN9K
VA3LHA

for helping me make it possible.
I used the FT-817 and my WEMK, vertical and the FT-817 LiPo battery pack that lasted all weekend. I used the NuePSK modem for my PSK contacts.

I will submit a full log to Kyle for posting in the next few days as I am on nights this week..

Many thanks one and all...

Fred
VE3FAL/QRP

1557. Ontario Parks

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-03 22:47:52 UTC
From: fred
Topic: 1557 Message: 1557

I will dig up the logs , I know I seen Pigeon River the other day..

So who is the actual keeper now then?

if this weather ever changes i hope to get back out to the parks..

Snow last night, freezing rain today and tonight....

Fred
VE3FAL
POTA List Owner and Moderator

1558. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-04 12:33:05 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@...
Topic: 5 Message: 1558

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE PARK, TEXAS.xlsx
Uploaded by : k5htb_de_travis <traburgess1945@...>
Description : Stephen F. Austin State Park, Texas

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/STEPHEN%20F%20AUSTIN%20STATE%20PARK%2C%20TEXAS.xlsx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

k5htb_de_travis <traburgess1945@...>

1559. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-04 13:29:48 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 5 Message: 1559

Send me the logs Fred, and I will add them to the database. I built it
from the spreadsheets that were posted on the site and the logs that
have been sent to me since I started putting together the monthly reports.

If anyone has any logs, please send them to me: skos@...

Kos, N4NIA

On 5/3/13 6:23 PM, ve3fal-Fred wrote:
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> Sleeping Giant Provincial Park
> Pigeon River Provincial Park
> I think Mike may have activated one or two near Ottawa as well if I am
> not mistaken.
> Fred
> VE3FAL
>
> ----- Original Message -----
> *From:* Kyle N4NSS <mailto:n4nss@...>
> *To:* p_o_t_a_@... <mailto:p_o_t_a_@...>
> *Sent:* Friday, May 03, 2013 6:09 PM
> *Subject:* Re: [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
>
> Very nice job...
> Kyle N4NSS <http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/>
> /
> Fully Loaded:
> Elecraft K3 #1605 KPA500 #029 P3 #1480 KAT500 #50 KX3 #1845
> Operated in memory of W9DVM (SK). Thanks Phil.... You are missed.
> /
>
> *From:* "p_o_t_a_@...
> <mailto:p_o_t_a_@...>" <p_o_t_a_@...
> <mailto:p_o_t_a_@...>>
> *To:* p_o_t_a_@... <mailto:p_o_t_a_@...>
> *Sent:* Friday, May 3, 2013 12:18 PM
> *Subject:* [p_o_t_a_] New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_
>
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> Hello,
>
> This email message is a notification to let you know that
> a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
> group.
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> File : /POTA-2013-05.pdf
> Uploaded by : mailto:skos%40bellsouth.net
> <mailto:kosmetatos%40gmail.com>
> Description : May 2013 Activation Report
>
> You can access this file at the URL:
> http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/POTA-2013-05.pdf
>
> To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
> http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files
>
> Regards,
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> mailto:skos%40bellsouth.net <mailto:kosmetatos%40gmail.com>
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1560. New file uploaded to p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-05-04 14:40:14 UTC
From: p_o_t_a_@...
Topic: 5 Message: 1560

Hello,

This email message is a notification to let you know that
a file has been uploaded to the Files area of the p_o_t_a_
group.

File : /STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE PARK, TEXAS.xlsx
Uploaded by : k5htb_de_travis <traburgess1945@...>
Description : Stephen F. Austin State Park, Texas Corrected File.

You can access this file at the URL:
http://ca.groups.yahoo.com/group/p_o_t_a_/files/STEPHEN%20F%20AUSTIN%20STATE%20PARK%2C%20TEXAS.xlsx

To learn more about file sharing for your group, please visit:
http://help.yahoo.com/help/ca/groups/files

Regards,

k5htb_de_travis <traburgess1945@...>

1561. Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-01 17:12:45 UTC
From: skos@bellsouth.net
Topic: 1561 Message: 1561

Last activity on the group seems to be May 4. Anyone getting out to the parks?

Kos, N4NIA

1562. Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 14:18:52 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1561 Message: 1562

My file for Stephen F. Austin State Park in Texas was for May 4 but it has not been entered into the activated parks files. Perhaps people gave up on the group because the activations have not been entered. Last activity on the activated parks file seems to have been in 2011.

Travis
K5HTB

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., "skos@..." <kosmetatos@...> wrote:
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> Kos, N4NIA
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1563. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 14:33:10 UTC
From: ewr1030@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1563

POTA is dead. I tried to keep it going with another ham here in CT but were unsuccessful in doing so
73
ed
WA1LEI

On Jul 2, 2013, at 10:18, "k5htb_de_travis" <traburgess1945@...> wrote:

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> Travis
> K5HTB
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1564. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 15:19:22 UTC
From: Ed Manuel
Topic: 1561 Message: 1564

Personal observations, de N5EM

What's really needed are goals - if we are anything, hams are goal driven. POTA activation is a good idea - take that radio to the park, chill out and make some QSO's.

But for this to really get interesting, there needs to be an award program in place. It doesn't need to be intense - no one is likely to cheat to get that next POTA award. And, if they do, who really cares - the winners are the ones who participate.

To do this, my thinking is that it needs to be a team of a few people. There will be some money involved - someone has to pay to print a nice certificate - and it should be nice. Still, we're talking less than $1 to laser print a certificate at the FEDEX office. Less than $1 to mail it. There is time involved.

Read the Possible Goals document for a good start.

The next step is structure.

How does one qualify for an award?

How does it get checked (does it NEED to be checked - WHAT needs to be checked)?

(Hint - look at the rules for ARRL DXCC QRP) - yep, got that one. (Submitting for full DXCC as we speak - and what a pain that is)

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Along with your contact list, include a $10 application fee in the form of a check or money order in US funds. Make sure to indicate your mailing address and your name as you want it to appear on the certificate. Mail everything to: QRP DXCC, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111."

The list is checked to make sure you've submitted 100 real DXCC current entities, that there are 100, that you signed your form, and that there is a check.

I suspect what's held this back is the perception that checking the logs will be the onerous part and no one has the time to volunteer to do that. So, don't make it onerous.

Just my ideas . . . . back to the lab . . .

Ed, N5EM (more POTA activations when it gets a bit cooler)

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of ewr1030@...
Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:33 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

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ed

WA1LEI

1565. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 15:23:47 UTC
From: TJ Campie
Topic: 1561 Message: 1565

I agree 100% the problem isn't lack of participation, its just a lack of a reason to participate. This is supposed to be an alternative to SOTA for us flat-landers or those of use unable to hike to a peak for health reasons. As such, we should have similar points, awards and so on

73, W0EA
TJ

QRP ARCI #14612 | CW Ops #953 | SKCC #4593T
NAQCC #3768 | Flying Pigs QRP #2254
Elecraft KX3 SN 288
Because QRO is too easy

On Tue, Jul 2, 2013 at 10:19 AM, Ed Manuel <n5emqrp@...> wrote:

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> *From:* p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] *On
> Behalf Of *ewr1030@...m
> *Sent:* Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:33 AM
> *To:* p_o_t_a_@...
> *Cc:* p_o_t_a_@...
> *Subject:* Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?****
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1566. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 15:24:57 UTC
From: ewr1030@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1566

This was already in place. But because of time Ed put it to bed. He ran it for many years with a great web site. A couple of us tried to keep it going but it did not go. Some day we should revisit it and reboot it.

ed
wa1lei

On Jul 2, 2013, at 11:19, "Ed Manuel" <n5emqrp@...> wrote:

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> Just my ideas . . . . back to the lab . . .
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> Ed, N5EM (more POTA activations when it gets a bit cooler)
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> From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of ewr1030@rocketmail.com
> Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:33 AM
> To: p_o_t_a_@...
> Cc: p_o_t_a_@...
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?
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1567. Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 15:25:48 UTC
From: skos@bellsouth.net
Topic: 1561 Message: 1567

I'm not sure what activation list you're looking at, but actually, the activation list is pretty current. Check out POTA-2013-05.pdf in the files section - it's current as of May, 2013. We currently have 76 activated parks and 1,187 QSOs listed, so I'm thinking this isn't the reason people aren't activating parks.

Activation files should be sent it to me - posting in the files section will just get them lost in the clutter of old reports and files, which I had to scour to build up the database we're currently using.

The group file site needs to be cleaned up and it's nearly impossible to trudge through it to see what may have been added. That's probably why there are outdated activation reports out there that you might have looked at.

I have found your file on the site and I will get the QSOs entered in the next report.

Fred - anyone - can we get all the old files removed from the site or archived?

Kos, N4NIA

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> On Jul 2, 2013, at 10:18, "k5htb_de_travis" <traburgess1945@...> wrote:
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> > Travis
> > K5HTB
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1568. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 15:28:56 UTC
From: ewr1030@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1568

did you take the group over from Ed?
Ed
wa1lei

On Jul 2, 2013, at 11:25, "skos@..." <kosmetatos@...> wrote:

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> > > Travis
> > > K5HTB
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1569. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 15:29:45 UTC
From: ewr1030@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1569

never mind. was thinking Gorc
ed

On Jul 2, 2013, at 11:25, "skos@bellsouth.net" <kosmetatos@...> wrote:

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1570. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 15:30:47 UTC
From: ewr1030@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1570

sorry all was thinking about GORC

On Jul 2, 2013, at 11:23, TJ Campie <tom.campie@...> wrote:

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1571. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 16:30:38 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1571

I thought that was GORC???

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 7/2/2013 11:25:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time,
ewr1030@... writes:

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it for many years with a great web site. A couple of us tried to keep it
going but it did not go. Some day we should revisit it and reboot it.

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wa1lei

1572. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 16:49:25 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1572

I think N5EM Ed has nailed 99% of the dilemma.

While Kos is doing a fine job and keeping the park activations up to date. (they're in the files section current at least up to May) He can't do everything by himself. Especially the motivation part.

I think a "Team" is a must. A projects, that keeps current and stays in touch.
I haven't seen any activity on the POTA spotting page so I'm guessing the only participants are the activators. http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/
That page and any webspace needed is provided free of charge to POTA.

For awards I'm in agreement that the basics are already there. I think the low $1 price may scare off some. Some, not knowing for sure where $'s go, may be leery of even a lowly dollar. So why not just produce the certificate in PDF and let the winner download for free?
Several clubs do this now. I actually prefer PDF so I can put it in my digital photoframe and let the scroll as a slide show. Looks cool as a screen saver also.

Food for thought,comments?

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 7/2/2013 11:19:39 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n5emqrp@... writes:

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In a message dated 7/2/2013 11:19:39 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n5emqrp@gmail.com writes:

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1573. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 16:56:19 UTC
From: Ed Manuel
Topic: 1561 Message: 1573

I like it - PDF's make perfect sense. I'm running out of wall, too.

Ed

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of
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1574. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 17:22:24 UTC
From: w1pns@...
Topic: 1561 Message: 1574

The current web space is free as well; I donated it... ;-) With best regards, Pete W1PNS ----- Original Message ----- From: KB4QQJ@... To: "p o t a " Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2013 12:49:25 PM Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone? I think N5EM Ed has nailed 99% of the dilemma. While Kos is doing a fine job and keeping the park activations up to date. (they're in the files section current at least up to May) He can't do everything by himself. Especially the motivation part. I think a "Team" is a must. A projects, that keeps current and stays in touch. I haven't seen any activity on the POTA spotting page so I'm guessing the only participants are the activators. http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/ That page and any webspace needed is provided free of charge to POTA. For awards I'm in agreement that the basics are already there. I think the low $1 price may scare off some. Some, not knowing for sure where $'s go, may be leery of even a lowly dollar. So why not just produce the certificate in PDF and let the winner download for free? Several clubs do this now. I actually prefer PDF so I can put it in my digital photoframe and let the scroll as a slide show. Looks cool as a screen saver also. Food for thought,comments? Randy_KB4QQJ In a message dated 7/2/2013 11:19:39 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n5emqrp@... writes: POTA is dead. I tried to keep it going with another ham here in CT but were unsuccessful in doing so 73 In a message dated 7/2/2013 11:19:39 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, n5emqrp@... writes:
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1575. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-02 18:04:18 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1561 Message: 1575

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-03 15:43:37 UTC
From: Andrew West
Topic: 1561 Message: 1576

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-05 21:36:59 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1580 Message: 1580

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-05 23:12:45 UTC
From: w1pns@...
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Needs some spiffifying...

http://www.hamparks.org/

With best regards,

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Kyle N4NSS" <n4nss@yahoo.com>
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From: Andrew West
Topic: 1579 Message: 1582

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Depending on the tools I might need to access them and ftp.

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>>> of a check or money order in US funds. Make sure to indicate your mailing
>>> address and *your name as you want it to appear on the certificate*.
>>> Mail everything to: QRP DXCC, ARRL, ****225 Main St**, **Newington**, **
>>> CT** **06111****.”****
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>>> The list is checked to make sure you’ve submitted 100 real DXCC current
>>> entities, that there are 100, that you signed your form, and that there is
>>> a check.****
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>>> I suspect what’s held this back is the perception that checking the logs
>>> will be the onerous part and no one has the time to volunteer to do that.
>>> So, don’t make it onerous.****
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>>> Just my ideas . . . . back to the lab . . .****
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>>> Ed, N5EM (more POTA activations when it gets a bit cooler)****
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>>> *From:* p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] *On
>>> Behalf Of *ewr1030@rocketmail.com
>>> *Sent:* Tuesday, July 02, 2013 9:33 AM
>>> *To:* p_o_t_a_@...
>>> *Cc:* p_o_t_a_@...
>>> *Subject:* Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone?****
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>>> POTA is dead. I tried to keep it going with another ham here in CT but
>>> were unsuccessful in doing so****
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> "Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals
> of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men
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> is a weapon that we as Americans do have. Let that be understood by those
> who practice terrorism and prey upon their neighbors." -- Ronald Reagan
> (1981)
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1583. Re: Was: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Where is everyone? Is: We're here and getting our...

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-07-08 14:04:56 UTC
From: Peter N. Spotts
Topic: 1579 Message: 1583

On 07/08/2013 09:34 AM, Andrew West wrote:
> Gentlemen,
> Sorry to have appeared to vanish, but I was enjoying the holiday weekend.
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>
> It might be best to have the database on the same server as the site.
> Depending on the tools I might need to access them and ftp.
>

Andy,

Let me know how you want to handle the set-up, FTP or Bluehost's web utilities. In the meantime, I'll set you up with a user name and password for FTP access as well as for using MySQL. If you don't hear from me in the next day or so, bug me.

With best regards,

Pete

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Peter N. Spotts -- W1PNS
http://www.w1pns.net
Email: w1pns@... | Skype: pspotts
QCWA #34679 | SKCC #4853T | QRP-ARCI #4174
NEQRP #714 | NAQCC #2446 | GQRP #13202

"Amateur radio is a contact sport.
Get on the air and make a contact!"
-- Lyle Amundson, K0LFV

1584. vanityhq.com will be closing soon.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-08-28 19:53:52 UTC
From: ars_k1atv
Topic: 1584 Message: 1584

It will be sorely missed.

Bil

1585. (no subject)

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-08-29 11:14:54 UTC
From: gregory parker
Topic: 1585 Message: 1585

It already has I just tried it. It had a closure message.

Greg Parker
NM8B

1586. Gooseberry SP in Minnesota Sept 15-21, 2013 p_o_t_a_

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2013-09-09 13:37:01 UTC
From: Kieth
Topic: 1586 Message: 1586

Karen and I will be radio active portable zero during our fall vacation week on the north shore of Lake Superior. Will do some random operating, no internet so please spot if you hear us. We will have 40 meters and up capabilities and lower power cw and phone.

Kieth wi0s
Karen kd0arc

1587. Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 11:37:16 UTC
From: <bgrantham1@...>
Topic: 1587 Message: 1587

Anyone still following this group? Is POTA still active?

73,
Bill
KC4QWM

1588. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 11:55:24 UTC
From: glenaldrich@gmail.com
Topic: 1587 Message: 1588
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I am.

☐ ☐
Glen Aldrich
Gilford, NH - PC
KC1AAI
glenaldrich@...
http://freestateproject.org/

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of the United States.

-------Original Message-------

From: bgrantham1@...
Date: 1/16/2014 6:37:20 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Anyone still following this group? Is POTA still active?

73,
Bill
KC4QWM

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http://www.avast.com

1589. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 12:32:50 UTC
From: <bgranth@...>
Topic: 1587 Message: 1589

Good Morning Glen,

It's been so long since I've seen a post on here that I wondered if there were still any active members. It's good to know that there is at least one other out there.

73,
Bill
KC4QWM

1590. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 12:45:13 UTC
From: Michael
Topic: 1587 Message: 1590

And another!

--Michael
K5NOT

> On Jan 16, 2014, at 6:32 AM, <bgranth@troy.edu> wrote:
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> Good Morning Glen,
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> It's been so long since I've seen a post on here that I wondered if there were still any active members. It's good to know that there is at least one other out there.
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> 73,
> Bill
> KC4QWM
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1591. Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 12:48:07 UTC
From: Marcus NX5MK
Topic: 1587 Message: 1591

I'm following, but cold weather is keeping me inside right now...

73 de Marcus NX5MK
Apparare Scientior Paratus Communicare

1592. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 12:58:10 UTC
From: michael hancock
Topic: 1587 Message: 1592

and another
MICHAEL HANCOCK
408 N. 16th St.
BISMARCK N.D. 58501

On Thu, 1/16/14, Michael <mw@...> wrote:

Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?
To: "p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca" <p_o_t_a_@...>
Cc: "<p_o_t_a_@...>" <p_o_t_a_@...>
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014, 5:45 AM

And another!

--MichaelK5NOT

On Jan 16, 2014, at 6:32 AM, <bgranth@...>
wrote:

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that I wondered if there were still any active
members. It's good to know that there is at least
one other out there.

73,
Bill
KC4QWM

1593. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 13:17:44 UTC
From: James Shaver
Topic: 1587 Message: 1593

I am - took so long to get approved for the group that I stopped checking it...

Jim S.

> On Jan 16, 2014, at 7:58 AM, michael hancock <truckmaster62@...> wrote:
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> and another
> MICHAEL HANCOCK
> 408 N. 16th St.
> BISMARCK N.D. 58501
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> On Thu, 1/16/14, Michael <mw@...> wrote:
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> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?
> To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@...>
> Cc: "<p_o_t_a_@...>" <p_o_t_a_@...>
> Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014, 5:45 AM
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1594. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 13:45:38 UTC
From: Mark Kelner
Topic: 1587 Message: 1594

Hi all,
  Add another. Haven't hit a park in a while but still watch the group.

  73&72,
  Mark WG8Y

On Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:58 AM, michael hancock <truckmaster62@...> wrote:

and another
MICHAEL HANCOCK
408 N. 16th St.
BISMARCK N.D. 58501

On Thu, 1/16/14, Michael <mw@...> wrote:

Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?
To: "p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca" <p_o_t_a_@...>
Cc: "<p_o_t_a_@...>" <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014, 5:45 AM

And another!

--MichaelK5NOT

On Jan 16, 2014, at 6:32 AM, <bgranth@...>
wrote:

Good Morning Glen,

It's been so long since I've seen a post on here
that I wondered if there were still any active
members. It's good to know that there is at least
one other out there.

73,
Bill
KC4QWM

1595. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 14:53:08 UTC
From: Wayne Dillon
Topic: 1587 Message: 1595

Yep, count me in (when it warms a little :))
Wayne - KC0PMH

On Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 5:37 AM, <bgrantham1@...> wrote:

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> Anyone still following this group? Is POTA still active?
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> 73,
> Bill
> KC4QWM
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*http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh/ <http://www.qsl.net/kc0pmh/> Under
construction but please visit anyway.*

QRP - *EFFICIENCY AND SKILL, NOT POWER.*

I'm British by birth but American by CHOICE!

Jesus came to pay a debt He didn't owe because we owe a debt we cannot
pay...

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up his contenance upon you and give you peace.

God Bless from Wayne Dillon - KC0PMH

Joshua 24:14-15
2 Cor 5:17
1 Jn 2:17

http://www.4sqrp.com/index.php

4 State QRP Group NCS - 40m & 160m
4SQRP #95
FPQRP #342 (Flying Pigs QRP Club)
G-QRP-C #11504
NAQCC # 0759
QRP-ARCI #11505
SKCC #1155C
SOC #848
30MDG#1176
NEQRP #693

GORC #192
DMC (Digital Modes Club) # 06686

1596. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 14:57:31 UTC
From: n8ofs@mjbrowns.com
Topic: 1587 Message: 1596

> Hi all,
> Add another. Haven't hit a park in a while but still watch the group.
> 73&72,
> Mark WG8Y
>
Howdy Mark and group... Yep, I'm still here, and helping K8CY as well...

K8CY will be in Geneva OH St Pk for OSPOTA...
I have my N8O /Portable Caboose 30th Aniv of the AC&J this summer...

Sargent Signals - Proudly serving the ACJR for 8 years...
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...
http://sportsnation.espn.go.com/fans/SargentSignals/blog/
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q

1597. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 15:58:19 UTC
From: glenaldrich@gmail.com
Topic: 1587 Message: 1597
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Good morning Bill

I'm sure there are others. I plan on using POTA soon I'll post when I do

☐ ☐
Glen Aldrich
Gilford, NH - PC
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of the United States.

-------Original Message-------

From: bgranth@troy.edu
Date: 1/16/2014 7:32:54 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Good Morning Glen,

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were still any active members. It's good to know that there is at least one
other out there.

73,
Bill
KC4QWM

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1598. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 15:59:52 UTC
From: glenaldrich@gmail.com
Topic: 1587 Message: 1598
Attachments: 3 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I hear that I'm in NH

☐ ☐
Glen Aldrich
Gilford, NH - PC
KC1AAI
glenaldrich@...
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-------Original Message-------

From: Marcus NX5MK
Date: 1/16/2014 7:48:10 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

I'm following, but cold weather is keeping me inside right now...

73 de Marcus NX5MK
Apparare Scientior Paratus Communicare

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1599. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 16:04:05 UTC
From: Jim
Topic: 1587 Message: 1599

Ditto here as well.

kd5vxh

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Marcus NX5MK
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:48 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

I'm following, but cold weather is keeping me inside right now...

73 de Marcus NX5MK

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1600. Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 16:26:13 UTC
From: Reo Grover
Topic: 1587 Message: 1600

I'm here also and would enjoy some activatin'.

1601. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 16:49:03 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1587 Message: 1601

Unfortunately, there is no body to log the activations....

Kyle N4NSS

On Thursday, January 16, 2014 11:26 AM, Reo Grover <netboss@...> wrote:

>I'm here also and would enjoy some activatin'.
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1602. Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 18:12:19 UTC
From: k5htb_de_travis
Topic: 1587 Message: 1602

Very likely, yes. Due to the weather, many are probably sitting around scratching and partaking of adult beverages.

Travis
K5HTB

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, <bgrantham1@...> wrote:
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> Anyone still following this group? Is POTA still active?
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> 73,
> Bill
> KC4QWM
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1603. Activation!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 18:33:13 UTC
From: Irv [K3IRV] McWherter
Topic: 1603 Message: 1603

N4ERM, WA4WHV and K3IRV will activate William B. Umstead State Park in North Carolina in Raleigh NC.

Our plans are to be operational around 1600 UTC tomorrow 17JAN2014, and we will operate through part of the afternoon. Two stations will be operating CW and one station will be operating Phone.

All stations will be operating QRP.

73, Irv - K3IRV

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*"When All Else Fails.... Amateur Radio will be there" *

1604. Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 19:05:56 UTC
From: David Carnathan
Topic: 1587 Message: 1604

I’m still here. Waiting on some good weather and a free weekend.

David
N5XPC

1605. RE: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 19:13:12 UTC
From: Bill Grantham
Topic: 1587 Message: 1605
Attachments: 6 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Hi Glen and everyone else. Great to find out there are others still following the group and that we have some upcoming activations. I may also try to activate a park soon.

73,

Bill

KC4QWM

From: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of glenaldrich@...
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 9:58 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

<http://www.incredimail.com/app/?tag=display_picture_click_me_re&lang=9&version=6395274&setup_id=7&aff_id=1&addon=IncrediMail&upn=445894fb-d87f-4e7f-8a7b-56ea2f7033d5&app_test_id=0> Click Me!

Good morning Bill

I'm sure there are others. I plan on using POTA soon I'll post when I do

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-------Original Message-------

From: bgranth@...

Date: 1/16/2014 7:32:54 AM

To: p_o_t_a_@...

Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Anyone out there?

Good Morning Glen,

It's been so long since I've seen a post on here that I wondered if there were still any active members. It's good to know that there is at least one other out there.

73,
Bill
KC4QWM

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3615&rui=154225289&app_test_id=0&sd=20140116>

<http://www.incredimail.com/?id=621159&did=10501&ppd=2820,201206281812,9,1,202993765131262
3615&rui=154225289&app_test_id=0&sd=20140116> FREE Animations for your email

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3615&rui=154225289&app_test_id=0&sd=20140116> Click Here!

<http://www.incredimail.com/?id=621159&did=10501&ppd=2820,201206281812,9,1,202993765131262
3615&rui=154225289&app_test_id=0&sd=20140116>

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<http://www.avast.com/> protection is active.

1606. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 19:50:47 UTC
From: <ve3fal@...>
Topic: 1587 Message: 1606

I am here as well, but when it has been -40C nights and -26 as high daytime operating outside is no fun.Awaiting warm weather as well...
Kyle not sure what we can do about logging activations, I was under the assumption we were looking at a live webpage to do it, but work, time and money are attached to such things unless someone owns a domain.

Fred
VE3FAL

-----Original Message-----
From: David Carnathan
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 2:05 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc: David Carnathan
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

I?m still here. Waiting on some good weather and a free weekend.

David
N5XPC

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1607. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 20:36:15 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1587 Message: 1607

I'm not understanding why it's felt that there is no logging process in place.

I have the main consolidated log and posted comprehensive reports on the site. I've asked a number of times for people to send me their logs, but there seems to be continuing confusion around this. I think some people have posted Excel logs, but after I spent all that time entering all the spreadsheet data into a database, I can't keep going through dozens of spreadsheets to see if new ones are being posted.

It would help if we could get all the old spreadsheets removed, so new ones are readily apparent when they're posted and I can update the database. I'm not sure who the administrator is and who might do that. In the interim, the logs can be sent to me to get them in the main log.

Since I've not seen a new activation in months, I see no point in issuing duplicate reports each month (the last update was May, 2013), and although we've talked about maybe creating an online database, I'm not certain the effort is justified given the low level of activity.

I'd rather people get out there and activate parks than worry about the logs; I'll be happy to continue to keep up with them until we do have an online solution, or it there's a better solution for now, I'd be happy to provide the file.

Kos, N4NIA

On Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 11:49 AM, Kyle N4NSS <n4nss@...> wrote:

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> Unfortunately, there is no body to log the activations....
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> Kyle N4NSS <http://www.qsl.net/n4nss/>
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> On Thursday, January 16, 2014 11:26 AM, Reo Grover <netboss@...>
> wrote:
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> I'm here also and would enjoy some activatin'.
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1608. Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 21:05:16 UTC
From: kb4qqj
Topic: 1587 Message: 1608

I still host the spotting page and keep it active, but it looks like it hasn't seen much use lately...heh heh
http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/

Randy_KB4QQJ

--- In p_o_t_a_@..., <bgrantham1@...> wrote:
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> Anyone still following this group? Is POTA still active?
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> 73,
> Bill
> KC4QWM
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1609. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 21:33:38 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@...
Topic: 1587 Message: 1609

I own one, or a few. what you need?

Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 1/16/2014 4:24:53 P.M. Eastern Standard Time,
ve3fal@... writes:

I am here as well, but when it has been -40C nights and -26 as high
daytime
operating outside is no fun.Awaiting warm weather as well...
Kyle not sure what we can do about logging activations, I was under the
assumption we were looking at a live webpage to do it, but work, time and
money are attached to such things unless someone owns a domain.

Fred
VE3FAL

-----Original Message-----
From: David Carnathan
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 2:05 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Cc: David Carnathan
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

I知 still here. Waiting on some good weather and a free weekend.

David
N5XPC

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1610. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 21:50:13 UTC
From: <ve3fal@...>
Topic: 1587 Message: 1610

Thats great Kos, I guess as long as logs or activations are getting to you we do not have a problem..
I know a few of my old activations never made it to the logs again after a revamp..I am still sorting through old emails and logs to find them as we had Kakabeka, Sleeping Giant and Pigeon River Provincial parks activated and numbered at one time.

Fred
VE3FAL

From: Kos
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 3:36 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

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Kos, N4NIA

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1611. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-16 21:55:17 UTC
From: <ve3fal@...>
Topic: 1587 Message: 1611

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1612. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-17 11:14:15 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1587 Message: 1612

OK, I must have been missing some info here. New pota group and City also?
I guess I better get on the stick!
I can't operate from home and therefore I end up at state parks camping and city parks on the benches.
I have been at Little Manatee River State Park, Lake Manatee State Park the past few months staying for five days at a time.
I have a reservation for Lake Manatee this weekend thru Thursday, BUT, it is down right cold out there this week for Florida. The gas furnace will get a workout.

Kyle N4NSS ------ Fully Loaded: Elecraft: K3 #1605 KPA500 #029 P3 #1480 KAT500 #50 KX3 #1845
Operated in memory of W9DVM (SK). Phil.... You are missed.

On Thursday, January 16, 2014 4:05 PM, kb4qqj <KB4QQJ@...> wrote:

>I still host the spotting page and keep it active, but it looks like it hasn't seen much use lately...heh heh
>http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/pota/
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>Randy_KB4QQJ
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>--- In p_o_t_a_@..., <bgrantham1@...> wrote:
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>> Anyone still following this group? Is POTA still active?
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>> 73,
>> Bill
>> KC4QWM
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1613. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-17 11:24:43 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1587 Message: 1613

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POTA is an excellent concept, but it just doesn't seem to get off dead center. I worked very hard for almost two years creating the XL files and trying to keep the activations but again it can't be just a one man show. You seem to know what you're doing. Any ideas? Need help?

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1614. RaDAR

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-17 13:07:12 UTC
From: <LaneKG@...>
Topic: 1614 Message: 1614

Hello guys,

I am doing state parks here in Florida. A community has started on Google+ for Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio. RaDAR was originated by Eddie Leighton ZS6BNE. Google+ makes it easy to post pictures of your location and gear.The link is https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/109283065808971118728 The community has 170 member and there are a dozen that are very active.

Thanks,

Greg N4KGL
www.N4KGL.info

1615. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-17 19:05:19 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1587 Message: 1615

Getting ready for the VHF contest this weekend, but definitely need to reset if we're going to push ahead.

I would say that if anyone has activated a park in the last year, go to the May 2013 report posted on the Yahoo site and see if the activation is in there. If not, send me the logs using the spreadsheet template on the site, or I'll take them in whatever format is available.

Let's bring the logs up to date and we'll go forward from there.

BTW, I like the RaDAR concept at first look. I'll have to dig in a bit after the contest.

Kos, N4NIA

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1616. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-18 01:11:02 UTC
From: KA4RUR@...
Topic: 1587 Message: 1616

HNY to all - I am here also, I guess all it took was for someone to post ......

73/Fred/KA4RUR

Ditto here as well.
kd5vxh

From: p_o_t_a_@... [mailto:p_o_t_a_@...] On Behalf Of Marcus NX5MK
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 6:48 AM
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

I'm following, but cold weather is keeping me inside right now...

73 de Marcus NX5MK

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1617. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Anyone out there?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-20 01:40:40 UTC
From: <kb5ez@...>
Topic: 1587 Message: 1617

Rob, KB5EZ and Gary, WA2JQZ operated the VHF contest and the NAQP portable for a few hours Saturday from Monte Sano State Park near Huntsville, AL. I'll have to read up on the qualifications for activation and any special exchanges but we plan to do ops like this from time to time and would be happy to make them POTA activations.

It was in the low 40s and windy but we were bundled up and kept sipping warm cider to keep the QSOs going.

Rob
KB5EZ

1618. Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-23 07:36:05 UTC
From: kk3t_ben
Topic: 1618 Message: 1618

I will be camping at a Utah state park in a week and a half and would like to do my first activation. The files and recent conversations seem to point to the group being a little less active than others of similar goals. Is there a way to get an activation number for the park before the activation so that I can give it out in the QSO, or does it get assigned after the activation? Also is there a specific exchange and how should I spot myself so that other members of the group can participate in the activation? Thanks for the help and I look forward to activating a new park!
73
Ben
KK3T

1619. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-23 12:59:32 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1618 Message: 1619

Hi Ben,

Good luck on your activation. We tried to get to southern Utah the week of Thanksgiving and the winter storm ruined those plans.

I have been assigning park IDs as each is activated and the logs are put into the database, but I would be glad to pre-assign an ID if you would like to give it out during the QSO. Send me the name of the park in an email and I will get you the ID. Be sure to send me your log after the activation, and I'll get it in.

Kos, N4NIA
skos@...

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1620. Re: Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-31 17:16:16 UTC
From: kk3t_ben
Topic: 1618 Message: 1620

Kos,

I didn't realize that posts were going to my old email! I leave this afternoon so if we don't get the ID I will send the log to you when I return. Here is the info on the park:

http://stateparks.utah.gov/park/jordanelle-state-park

Looking forward to getting this UT park on the air!

Ben

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1621. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-31 18:08:16 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1618 Message: 1621

Ben, good luck with the activation. This would be the first activation of a Utah park.

USUT-S001 Jordanelle State Park

73, Kos - N4NIA

On Fri, Jan 31, 2014 at 12:16 PM, kk3t_ben <kk3t@...> wrote:

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Date: 2014-01-31 20:03:04 UTC
From: kk3t_ben
Topic: 1618 Message: 1622

Since I am camping with the scouts it is hit and miss as to the times I will be on the air. If anyone is cruising the bands looking for my I will be around the HF pack Frequencies on 20 40 and 80 and the SKCC frequencies on those same bands. Hope to work you!

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1623. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-01-31 22:40:43 UTC
From: glenaldrich@gmail.com
Topic: 1618 Message: 1623
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

How can I find a list of parks for NH?

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Glen Aldrich
Gilford, NH - PC
KC1AAI
glenaldrich@...
http://freestateproject.org/

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On Fri, Jan 31, 2014 at 12:16 PM, kk3t_ben <kk3t@...> wrote:

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afternoon so if we don't get the ID I will send the log to you when I return
Here is the info on the park:

http://stateparks.utah.gov/park/jordanelle-state-park

Looking forward to getting this UT park on the air!

Ben

--- In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, Kos <kosmetatos@...> wrote:
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1624. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-02-01 00:18:03 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@...
Topic: 1618 Message: 1624
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Go to Google and type in:

"New Hampshire State Parks"

It will take you to this link that will show and tell about NH's 75 state parks.
http://www.nhstateparks.org/explore/state-parks.aspx

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

In a message dated 1/31/2014 5:40:54 P.M. Eastern Standard Time, glenaldrich@... writes:

(http://www.incredimail.com/app/?tag=display_picture_click_me_re&lang=9&version=6395274&setup_id=7&aff_id=1&addon=IncrediMail&upn=445894fb-d87f-4e7f-8a7b-56ea2f7033d5&app_test_id=0)

How can I find a list of parks for NH?

1625. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-02-01 00:49:00 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1618 Message: 1625
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

I did not get the chance to create a New Hampshire file but you can go to:
http://www.nhstateparks.org/explore/state-parks.aspx?gclid=CJSl7PTZqbwCFZBj7Aod43MA3Q

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Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-02-01 02:24:43 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1618 Message: 1626
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

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> *From:* Kos <kosmetatos@...>
> *Date:* 1/31/2014 1:08:19 PM

> *To:* p_o_t_a_@...
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1627. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: Would like to do my first activation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-02-02 00:04:15 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1618 Message: 1627
Attachments: 2 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Kos,

That is baisically what I proposed him to do...You are right though, no lists.....

Kyle N4NSS http://www.buysellnet.net/
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1628. New to the Group. POTA in México.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-19 17:00:12 UTC
From: Ruben Navarrete Galvan
Topic: 1628 Message: 1628

Hi,

I am new to the group. Have been doing POTA in Querétaro, México. We here tought that we were the only ones doing POTA until I found this group.

We have been doing POTAs in local public parks, what kind of information should I provide on he local parks to be included in your database ?

73s

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Ing. Rubén O. Navarrete G.

XE1TRY

1629. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New to the Group. POTA in México.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-19 18:45:36 UTC
From: Kos
Topic: 1628 Message: 1629

Hi Ruben,

Send me a list of the parks you activated, and we can get started on
getting them into the database. I'll need to know the park name, city,
province, etc.
A list of calls you worked would help populate the QSO database.

Kos, N4NIA

On Wed, Mar 19, 2014 at 1:00 PM, Ruben Navarrete Galvan <ruben@...
> wrote:

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1630. April 5th Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio Contest

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-20 10:37:49 UTC
From: <LaneKG@...>
Topic: 1630 Message: 1630

This maybe of interest tohams who go portable and activate parks.

Are you ready for a exciting amateur radio challenge? Deploy as a portable station make five contacts walk one kilometer deploy again and make five contacts. Continue for the four hour period. You could do the same moving three kilometers via car, motorcycle, bicycle or other vehicle. You have entered the world of Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio aka RaDAR. You will enjoy making tradeoffs in radio, antennas, and choice of operating frequencies. The four hour period puts you under a little stress to manage all the factors in real time. Hams worldwide practice RaDAR any time they can but there is the four hour RaDAR contest the first Saturday of April and November. The next RaDAR Contest is April 5th 1400 UTC to 1800 UTC.

In addition to on foot and vehicle categories, there are also portable and at home categories. Each category has a multiplier. Power is your choice QRP and up with multipliers. All amateur bands, besides the WARC bands, are allowed including cross band contacts via amateur radio satellites. Modes – CW, SSB, AM, FM or any digital mode. QSOs via terrestrial repeaters will NOT be allowed. Call sign, Name, RS(T) Report, QTH and grid locator at least 6 characters and 10 preferred. There is a bonus for your first satellite or digital mode QSO. Also there is a bonus for your first RaDAR to RaDAR intercontinental QSO.

There are two contest managers:
Eddie Leighton ZS6BNE for IARU 1 see http://zs6bne.wordpress.
com/2014/03/04/radar-the-new- contest-april-2014/
http://zs6bne.wordpress.com/2014/03/04/radar-the-new-contest-april-2014/
and Marcus Kessler NX5MK for RaDAR America http://radar-america.
blogspot.com/2014/02/radar- america-contest-april-2014. html
http://radar-america.blogspot.com/2014/02/radar-america-contest-april-2014.html You will find the contest details at those links.

RaDAR originated in South Africa headed up by Eddie ZS6BNE. It has spread to the Americas with the efforts of Marcus NX5MK. There is a growing worldwide participation with the RaDAR Community on Google+ Seehttps://plus.google.com/u/ 0/communities/ 109283065808971118728
https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/109283065808971118728

Greg N4KGL
www.N4KGL.info http://www.n4kgl.info/

1631. WWFF

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-20 11:40:33 UTC
From: Marcus NX5MK
Topic: 1631 Message: 1631

Park activators may also want to take a look at the Worldwide Flora & Fauna Awards Program http://www.wwff.co (Not: DOT COM, but DOT CO !)

It seems that they were lucky enough to attain "critical mass" in their membership numbers faster than POTA and they have worldwide mapping tools of registered parks and wildlife areas.

Being the manager for a contest program myself (Radar-America), I can feel with the POTA organizers how the above may sound to you. I believe the end result is what counts and that is to recognize the beauty of nature during our Amateur Radio activities.

73 de Marcus NX5MK
Apparare Scientior Paratus Communicare

1632. Re: [p_o_t_a_] WWFF

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-20 12:30:13 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 1631 Message: 1632

Marcus thanks for the information, I know I looked at the group quite some time ago but life got in the way of my beloved hobby..I however have since built a manpack rig, working on rig #2 and acquired a VX-1210 as well, so I hope to participate in RaDAR this year with VX-1210 backpack, snowshoes and hike some of the trails I hunt in during the fall. Calling for another 6" of snow or more tomorrow, but at least temperatures are much milder then we had this winter (but is winter ever going to end for us in the North?)

Thanks again and hope to see you during RaDAR..

Fred VE3FAL
POTA owner/manager
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DEC Amethyst ARES

1633. Re: New to the Group. POTA in México.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-21 13:47:44 UTC
From: <yv5en@...>
Topic: 1628 Message: 1633

Hi Rubén, welcome to POTA group.
Bienvenido a bordo!

72, 73 y buenos DX,
Edwin - YV5EN (YV5HUJ 1979-2011)

web:yv5en.org http://yv5en.org

1634. Re: WWFF

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-21 21:56:39 UTC
From: Marcus NX5MK
Topic: 1631 Message: 1634
Attachments: 1 described; binary payloads are missing from this source WARC

Fred,

I think you should get a weather/temperature bonus!

You know, who knows what happens to the WWFF and POTA. Some things are cyclic and in a few years all may look different. What's great is that RaDAR and the park / nature programs all interact nicely with each other, so I see no competition between them.

Hope you stay safe at your temperatures! Have you seen the report of W0RW who was in a snow storm /PM with a whip and it static zapped his tuner? He now has a static bleed for his counterpoise wire.

vy 73 de Marcus NX5MK
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1635. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Re: WWFF

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-22 20:50:37 UTC
From: <ve3fal@...>
Topic: 1631 Message: 1635

Thanks Marcus, will look to join the WWFF as well....
Waiting on our SOTA association as well...

-15c today and -22c with wind....
No relief at all.....

Fred
VE3FAL

-----Original Message-----
From: Marcus NX5MK
Sent: Friday, March 21, 2014 5:56 PM
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] Re: WWFF

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http://www.avast.com

1636. Semi Pedestrian Mobile in Florida Park

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-03-31 11:08:43 UTC
From: <LaneKG@...>
Topic: 1636 Message: 1636

I had a good portable outing from St. Andrews State Park near Panama City Florida Sunday using what I call Semi Pedestrian Mobile. See
http://www.n4kgl.info/2014/03/radar-in-park.html and
http://www.n4kgl.info/2014/03/semi-pedestrian-mobile.html

The upcoming Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio RaDAR Contest is April 5th 1400 to 1800 zulu. Participate if you can. If not watch out for CQ RaDAR. We add our grid square to the usual exchange. See http://www.n4kgl.info/2014/03/april-5th-rapid-deployment-amateur.html

If portable ops is of interest, visit the RaDAR Google Plus community at
https://plus.google.com/u/0/communities/109283065808971118728

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1637. DATV downlink from the ISS.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-04-14 01:30:42 UTC
From: <wmunsil@...>
Topic: 1637 Message: 1637

From the new HAMTV DATV downlink in the amateur .2.4 GHZ band:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61GTGTOa8AE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61GTGTOa8AE

1638. Gifford Pinchot State Park PA - Saturday

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-04-18 12:50:57 UTC
From: <richardscottw@...>
Topic: 1638 Message: 1638

W3HMS and I (N3SW) will be operating from this State Park tomorrow (Saturday 19 April) for a few hours from approximately 11:00am ET (1500Z). We will be using our Elecraft rigs (KX3, K2 and KX1) and portable vertical antennas. We are hoping to demonstrate portable operating to some new technicians and get them interested in HF QRP. We will be calling around the CW and SSB QRP frequencies. WA3USG will be joining us and operating JT65 using his FT-817.
We will be self-spotting at qrpspots.com.
Please listen for us and give us a QSO.
-Scott N3SW-

1639. Re: Gifford Pinchot State Park PA - Saturday

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-04-18 16:22:45 UTC
From: <scottsa1ls@...>
Topic: 1638 Message: 1639

Would be happy to try and work you for your POTA. My name is Scotty , call KG3W. Please be sure and try 40 cw cause I'm over in Mercer county, about 50 miles north of Pittsburgh. Probably around 240 miles . Will be sure to look for you. Any way you can post an approx frequency? Good Luck! de Scotty KG3W in Grove City, Pa.

1640. Adirondack "Park" Pillsbury Mountain June 15

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-06-15 15:05:02 UTC
From: kc2wi.afa2cq@...
Topic: 1640 Message: 1640

Leaving shortly to go up Pillsbury (SOTA W2/GA 027) to work the ARRL June VHF QSO Party. Hope to be on top about 1830 UTC (1:30EDT). Will be on 6 meter SSB. May try a little 2M FM as well. Will try calling on some local repeaters to drum up contacts, and 146.55 Simplex. If no luck on VHF, I may try HF around the HFPack & QRP frequencies.

1641. Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-07-20 01:33:41 UTC
From: helmet_games@...
Topic: 1641 Message: 1641

What kind of on air POTA response can you expect from 257 members for an activation attempt? Compared to SOTA, this place is the dead letter office. Despite a unique name designation, the Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center is a Pennsylvania State Park (DCNR - Reading area - Berks County, about 2 miles from the QTH. I could pop over there at the drop of a hat. Would anybody even notice?

My equipment (FT-897, Alex Loop, Gel Cell) is now SOTA tested. Wonderful on air response over there. I would now finally like to work Nolde with this group. How many contacts would even know what I was talking about? What contact information do you submit to the POTA black hole that "collects" and effectively seems to ignore the QSO data?

Glenn - AB3TQ

1642. ATN-AZ Winter meeting

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2014-12-15 02:38:13 UTC
From: wmunsil@...
Topic: 1642 Message: 1642

Amateur Television Network - Arizona Winter meeting will be held 24 Jan 2015 in Phoenix. More info coming later.

Bil
K1ATV
Mesa

1643. ATN-AZ Winter meeting

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-01-19 02:46:40 UTC
From: wmunsil@...
Topic: 1642 Message: 1643

The Winter meeting of Amateur Television Network - Arizona will be held this Saturday, 24 January.

The location is 10801 N. 24th Ave. Suite 102, Phoenix, AZ 85029. Business name is ICS.

Time is 12:00 Noon This is two blocks North of Peoria on 24th Ave. in Phoenix.

Sandwiches and potato salad will be served - as well as soft drinks.

All visitors are welcome but please RSVP to me so we have an idea of how many are coming.

Talk in freq is 448.400 negative offset with 100 PL.

Bil Munsil
K1ATV HAM TV
wmunsil@cox.net

1644. Venezuelan POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-01-28 15:04:52 UTC
From: yv5en@...
Topic: 1644 Message: 1644

YV4KW/9 & YV4JCF/9
CINARUCO RIVER, APURE STATE SANTOS LUZARDO NATIONAL PARK

Longitude : -67.44164 W (-67° 26' 30'' W)
Latitude : 6.55479 N (6° 33' 17'' N)
QTH locator : FJ66GN

JANUARY 29 to 31, 2015

They are planning to operate on SSB (maybe RTTY) on HF and 6m.

There is no Internet access there but please look for their freqs on cluster.

73 es GD DX,
Edwin - YV5EN (YV5HUJ 1979-2011)

web: yv5en.org http://yv5en.org/
Twitt: @YV5EN https://twitter.com/YV5EN

1645. New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-10 21:43:03 UTC
From: KA4RUR@...
Topic: 2 Message: 1645

Is admin taking new members in the Yahoo group?

72/Fred/KA4RUR/QRP

1646. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-10 21:43:41 UTC
From: Jeff Dale
Topic: 2 Message: 1646

Well you're here aren't ya hahaha
On May 10, 2015 5:43 PM, "KA4RUR@... [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@...>
wrote:

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> Is admin taking new members in the Yahoo group?
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1647. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-10 21:51:41 UTC
From: KA4RUR@...
Topic: 2 Message: 1647

A friend try to join the other day -- with no response -- that is why I am asking

72/Fred/KA4RUR/QRP

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeff Dale jeff.dale@... [p_o_t_a_] <p_o_t_a_@...>
To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Sun, May 10, 2015 4:43 pm
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Well you're here aren't ya hahaha

On May 10, 2015 5:43 PM, " KA4RUR@... [p_o_t_a_]" < p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

Is admin taking new members in the Yahoo group?

72/Fred/KA4RUR/QRP

1648. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-10 22:33:16 UTC
From: ve3fal
Topic: 2 Message: 1648

I know I do not check everyday and I am sure Randy does not as well.
Sometimes I only check once a week or if (a big IF) I see the last
warning that the request is about to expire.

Fred
VE3FAL
Moderator/Owner

On 2015-05-10 5:51 PM, KA4RUR@... [p_o_t_a_] wrote:
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> /*72/Fred/KA4RUR/QRP*/
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>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Jeff Dale jeff.dale@... [p_o_t_a_] <p_o_t_a_@...>
> To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...>
> Sent: Sun, May 10, 2015 4:43 pm
> Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members
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> Well you're here aren't ya hahaha
> On May 10, 2015 5:43 PM, " KA4RUR@... <mailto:KA4RUR@...>
> [p_o_t_a_]" < p_o_t_a_@...
> <mailto:p_o_t_a_@...>> wrote:
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> /*72/Fred/KA4RUR/QRP*/
> /**/
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>

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1649. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-11 02:15:42 UTC
From: KB4QQJ@...
Topic: 2 Message: 1649

I don't recall ever getting a request to join the group Fred (VE3FAL)??
I will make a concerted effort to stay more on top of it.

Fred KA4RUR, please give my apologizes to your friend. I'll keep a closer eye out now that it is getting Park Operating weather.

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

---In p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca, <ve3fal@...> wrote :

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On 2015-05-10 5:51 PM, KA4RUR@... mailto:KA4RUR@... [p_o_t_a_] wrote:

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To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...> mailto:p_o_t_a_@...
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1650. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-11 10:10:41 UTC
From: Fred VE3FAL
Topic: 2 Message: 1650

I am not sure that I got one as well Randy, but I know I get a notification when they are about to expire.
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On 10 May 2015 19:15:42 -0700
"KB4QQJ@... [p_o_t_a_]" wrote:
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Fred
VE3FAL
Moderator/Owner

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To: p_o_t_a_ mailto:p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sun, May 10, 2015 4:43 pm
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Well you're here aren't ya hahaha
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1651. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-11 14:12:44 UTC
From: KA4RUR@...
Topic: 2 Message: 1651

Hi everyone this is the message that he got -- Your request to join the p_o_t_a_ group was not approved.
Your membership was automatically rejected because the moderator didn't
approve it within 14 days. We do this to provide a high quality
of service for our users.
If you want, you may attempt to join this group

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-----Original Message-----
From: 'Fred VE3FAL' ve3fal@... [p_o_t_a_] <p_o_t_a_@...>
To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...>
Sent: Mon, May 11, 2015 5:10 am
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

I am not sure that I got one as well Randy, but I know I get a notification when they are about to expire.
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VE3FAL
Moderator/Owner

On 2015-05-10 5:51 PM, KA4RUR@... mailto:KA4RUR@... [p_o_t_a_] wrote:

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jeff Dale jeff.dale@... mailto:jeff.dale@... [p_o_t_a_] <p_o_t_a_@...> mailto:p_o_t_a_@...
To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...> mailto:p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Sun, May 10, 2015 4:43 pm
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Well you're here aren't ya hahaha
On May 10, 2015 5:43 PM, " KA4RUR@... mailto:KA4RUR@... [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@... mailto:p_o_t_a_@...>; wrote:
Is admin taking new members in the Yahoo group?

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1652. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-11 14:41:39 UTC
From: qrpme
Topic: 2 Message: 1652

Well that surely indicates I missed it.Again, my apologies. If he tries again and doesn't get a response in 48 hours, give me a direct email at qrpme at aol.com
Randy

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "KA4RUR@cs.com [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Date: 05/11/2015 10:12 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Hi everyone this is the message that he got -- Your request to join the p_o_t_a_ group was not approved.
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If you want, you may attempt to join this group

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-----Original Message-----

From: 'Fred VE3FAL' ve3fal@tbaytel.net [p_o_t_a_] <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>

To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>

Sent: Mon, May 11, 2015 5:10 am

Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

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To: p_o_t_a_ <p_o_t_a_@...> mailto:p_o_t_a_@...

Sent: Sun, May 10, 2015 4:43 pm

Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

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1653. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-11 17:46:16 UTC
From: ve3fal@...
Topic: 2 Message: 1653

Could be so,as I said I dont check daily..I approved 5 people yesterday,so if he has not requested please do so...also if I see no ham call or reference to a ham call I do not approve.

Fred
Ve3fal

Sent?from?my?BlackBerry?10?smartphone?on?the?Rogers?network.

From: KA4RUR@... [p_o_t_a_]
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 10:12
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Reply To: p_o_t_a_@...
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

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To: p_o_t_a_ Sent: Mon, May 11, 2015 5:10 am
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

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1654. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-11 17:50:06 UTC
From: ve3fal@...
Topic: 2 Message: 1654

I have no pending members as of right now, I just checked.
05112015 at 1750z.

Fred
VE3FAL

1655. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-12 14:20:54 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 2 Message: 1655

BTW, There is a new trend going on with the term POTA. Yahoo Groups (POTA *) followed by your area code. Start your own group in your phone area code.
73----------
Kyle N4NSS <<Enjoy the Magic of HF Radio. It's just not a hobby, it's an adventure.

From: "'Fred VE3FAL' ve3fal@... [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
To: p_o_t_a_@...
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 6:10 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

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1656. Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-05-12 22:55:41 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 2 Message: 1656

I made a mistake...not Yahoo but Facebook
73----------
Kyle N4NSS <<click this
Enjoy the Magic of HF Radio. It's just not a hobby, it's an adventure.

From: "Kyle N4NSS n4nss@... [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@...>
To: "p_o_t_a_@..." <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 10:20 AM
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] New Members

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1657. *** NEWS FLASH *** No More Collins Filters!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-07-27 12:18:06 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1657 Message: 1657

*** NEWS FLASH *** No More Collins Filters! They say that Collins will no longer manufacture those wonderful mechanical filters that so many of us love after the imminent, and limited, final production run. Seems that DSP technology and the concomitant ever dropping cost has finally doomed these fine Collins products after over 65 years since their introduction. In case you are not aware, it takes about 12 weeks to manufacture one of these filters!Those of you who own the FT-817/ND, FT-857, FT-897/D, FT-1000MP, Field, & Mark V, FT-2000/D, IC-703 (Plus), IC-718, and so on should consider seriously if you don't already have the filters you want, to go ahead and purchase them while these filters are still available (and the prices have not risen yet).
Collins says that when they are gone, they will be gone forever.
If you want these filters, check with www.w4rt.com , www.gigaparts.com , www.hamradio.com , www.aesham.com , etc. All of these organizations also offer the dual CW/SSB filter for the FT-817 made by W4RT Electronics.
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Kyle N4NSS <<click this <<Enjoy the Magic of HF Radio. It's just not a hobby, it's an adventure.

1658. Status of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-08-03 10:41:35 UTC
From: simmopa@...
Topic: 1658 Message: 1658

Hi all,

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Best wishes,

Paul,
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1659. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Status of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-08-03 21:07:18 UTC
From: Alex Netherton
Topic: 1658 Message: 1659

I do not know how active, but I was looking at this for an alternative for SOTA (Summits On The Air), which looks to my elderly and jaundiced eye to be a group for people in topnotch physical condition who like to bushwhack with a pack on their back to remote peaks. As I am disabled, most peaks in my area (Western NC, USA) are out of the question; the hike up to the top of Mt. Mitchell is difficult for me, not to mention with radio equipment. I admit to being a grump, but some of the SOTA rules look to me to be arbitrary and capricious, and meant to make it have a high degree of difficulty.

However, I love to visit parks in my area, and there are many, state, national, county, and even city, many places to activate, and I would like to activate a number of them, especially when the weather here in the Southern Appalachians has cooled down somewhat.

I would love to see us US stations cooperating with WWFF (look at my web page, in the signature file).

73 de W5ALX, Alex Netherton
Buncombe County ARES, Western NC Amateur Radio Society
http://blueridgediscovery.org

On 8/3/2015 6:41 AM, simmopa@... [p_o_t_a_] wrote:
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1660. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Status of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-08-03 21:40:23 UTC
From: qrpme
Topic: 1658 Message: 1660

There are many portable operators in NA.In addition to POTA which is fairly inactive now, There is the Great Outdoors Radio Club.www.thegorc.org, qrp-l, sota, and plenty of just park operators. I believe the issue is just no organization or awards. Operating just for the contacts or ragchews. At one time I hosted a spotting page along with several other clubs.But due to the inactivity, I heave taken the POTA sight down.
I operate portable at least twice a week as well as traveling monthly in the RV.
Working John VK4TJ regularly as well as ZL2NLQ Stan. I'd be happy to work you from any of my portable locations.
73 for now,Randy_KB4QQJK4INC Trustee

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Alex Netherton w5alx-groups@charter.net [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Date: 08/03/2015 5:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: Re: [p_o_t_a_] Status of POTA

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1661. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Status of POTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-08-04 11:22:39 UTC
From: simmopa@...
Topic: 1658 Message: 1661

Hi Alex and Randy,

Thanks for your replies. I have just sent off a few emails to establish the status of the World Wide Flora Fauna (WWFF) program in North America (specifically USA, Canada, & Alaska). I have sent an email to each of the WWFF co-ordinators in those areas. I will keep you updated on what I find out.

The World Wide Flora Fauna program offers numerous award certificates. Basically, there is a global overarching awards program, and then most of the National programs offer their own set of award certificates. This is exactly what the Australian program does. I have sent out Australian (VKFF) awards to many overseas park hunters.

The Australian WWFF website is.....

http://www.wwffaustralia.com/ http://www.wwffaustralia.com/

The 'global' WWFF website is.....

http://www.wwff.co/ http://www.wwff.co/

You may also find my Wordpress site interesting. It is where I record all of my portable activity.

http://vk5pas.org/ http://vk5pas.org/

I have applied to become a member of the Great Outdoors Radio Club. I assume that overseas hams can also become members?

Best 73 from Australia,

Paul,
VK5PAS.

1662. Rumored 2016 ARRL Nat'l Parks on the Air program

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-08-04 14:42:20 UTC
From: w9fz@...
Topic: 1662 Message: 1662

I hear a rumor that ARRLis sponsoribg an activity program celebratibg the 100th Anniversary of Nat'l Parks.

Perhaps it could give visibility/promotion to POTA.

73
Bruce Richardson W9FZ

1663. Re: Rumored 2016 ARRL Nat'l Parks on the Air program

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-08-07 02:56:35 UTC
From: simmopa@...
Topic: 1662 Message: 1663

Hi Bruce,

Yes I read about the proposed National Parks on the Air event planned for 2016.

As per previous posts it would appear that not many from your neck of the woods are aware of the World Wide Flora Fauna (WWFF) program. I have been in contact with George N3GJ, who is the current USA co-ordinator for the program and he advises that activity in the USA has been low.

It would be great to see some more North American stations participating in the WWFF program.

Best wishes,

Paul,
VK5PAS,
VKFF co-ordinator.

1664. INPOTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-09-12 14:50:51 UTC
From: 2wr796@...
Topic: 1664 Message: 1664

Anyone have an idea where or what frequencies they will be on today in INDIANA.
TNX
PAT/K8LEN

1665. RE: [p_o_t_a_] INPOTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-09-13 02:33:33 UTC
From: qrpme
Topic: 1664 Message: 1665

I don't, I've searched their web page and the park pages with no luck..
Randy

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "2wr796@gmail.com [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Date: 09/12/2015 10:50 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] INPOTA

Anyone have an idea where or what frequencies they will be on today in INDIANA.TNXPAT/K8LEN

1666. Re: [p_o_t_a_] INPOTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-09-13 12:39:33 UTC
From: pat obrien
Topic: 1664 Message: 1666

I found them on 40 meters, made 5 contacts, heard 10 stations, but was fun..
73
pat/k8len

On 9/12/15, qrpme qrpme@... [p_o_t_a_] <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca> wrote:
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> Date: 09/12/2015 10:50 AM (GMT-05:00)
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1667. Re: INPOTA

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-09-14 13:44:10 UTC
From: Frank London
Topic: 1664 Message: 1667

Please remove W1IVB (Frank London) from your contacts list. He is deceased.

1668. FLORIDA SEPTEMBER PARKPEDITION ANNOUNCED

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-09-24 19:23:22 UTC
From: Dave Raycroft
Topic: 1668 Message: 1668

-- FLORIDA SEPTEMBER PARKPEDITION ANNOUNCED --
Our next adventure is in just a few days!
WHAT: The Florida Chapter of NAQCC is back!!! We are resuming our monthly Field Event.
WHEN: Friday, September 25th, 2015 starting at 9:00 AM EDT
WHERE: Candace Strawn / Lake Dias Park, DeLeon Springs, FL (5320 State Road 11, De Leon Springs, FL 32130)
FREQUENCIES: Please listen for us near 7.061, 10.116, 14.061, 18.080, and 21.061 - Look for posts to www.qrpspots.com via the Internet when we QRV and occasionally during the operation to let everyone know who is on and where. We will also post when we go QRT. QSLs via the operator call.
WHO: At least Art WB4MNK, Steve WB4OMM, Rick AA4W, and Bob W2EJG (plus whoever else can make it).
WHY: TO SATURATE THE ETHER WITH VAGUE AND NEBULOUS CHIRPS, BEEPS, AND OTHER RADIOWAVE NOISE...AND TO HAVE FUN, OF COURSE!!
HOW: By the magic of QRP Ham Radio!
MORE: See our web page at: http://wb4omm.com/naqcc-fl-chapter/
72/73, Steve WB4OMM #5913

1669. Re: FLORIDA SEPTEMBER PARKPEDITION ANNOUNCED

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-09-25 01:05:23 UTC
From: simmopa@...
Topic: 1668 Message: 1669

Hi gents,

Have you thought about listening out for VK.

Not sure if that park qualifies for the World Wide Flora and Fauna (WWFF) program, but if it does, there would be a lot of very keen VK WWFF devotees who would like to work you.

Best wishes,

Paul,
VK5PAS,
VKFF co-ordinator.

1670. National Wildlife Refuge Week operations?

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-10-07 17:04:45 UTC
From: kb5ez@...
Topic: 1670 Message: 1670

Is anyone else planning to operate from a National Wildlife Refuge next week? The NASA Marshall Space Flight Center ARC (NN4SA) will be operating from a Redstone Arsenal Alabama picnic ground on the Wheeler NWR on Sunday 11 October beginning at about 15:00 UT. We'll be on various bands and modes and self-spotting on the DXcluster.

Rob KB5EZ

http://www.nwrweek-radio.info http://www.nwrweek-radio.info//
http://www.nwrweek-radio.info/

1671. ARRL National Parks on the Air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-11-25 00:55:41 UTC
From: svanccar@...
Topic: 1671 Message: 1671

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1672. RE: [p_o_t_a_] ARRL National Parks on the Air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-11-25 01:36:01 UTC
From: qrpme
Topic: 1671 Message: 1672

Sound fun, I'll be doing the same in North Carolina and posting, taking sked requests and spotting here.www.cwfun.org/funspots/gorc
73 for now,Randy_KB4QQJK4INC Great Outdoors Radio Club trustee

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "svanccar@yahoo.com [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca>
Date: 11/24/2015 7:55 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: p_o_t_a_@yahoogroups.ca
Subject: [p_o_t_a_] ARRL National Parks on the Air

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1673. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ARRL National Parks on the Air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-11-25 03:09:42 UTC
From: Don Rand
Topic: 1671 Message: 1673

Great Plan Van,

We will try to hit the park at least 1 weekend in Jan also using the K5TAL trailer and callsign.

Don
KA5DON

On Tue, Nov 24, 2015 at 6:55 PM, svanccar@... [p_o_t_a_] <p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

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73 and Thanks
Don
KA5DON

1674. Re: [p_o_t_a_] ARRL National Parks on the Air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-11-25 03:25:54 UTC
From: Van Carpenter
Topic: 1671 Message: 1674

Hi Don. Got my new truck and new travel trailer and plan to hit the road for most of the year. Wife and I will finish a project of visiting every county seat and taking a picture of every courthouse (82 counties but 92 county seats) while we stay at each of the state parks. We will do a short history of each one and put it all into a book form. Now we are thinking about adding the National Parks. Having a great time! Van

1675. Alafia River State Park on the air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-12-26 03:34:32 UTC
From: igperezh@...
Topic: 1675 Message: 1675

Hello everybody!
Mery Christmas and Happy New Year!

Me and my wife will stay next week in Alafia River State park, Florida. I will try to make some QSO on 10 meter SSB from our campsite. I am new in ham radio and have never operate outdoor before. :-)

Igor,
KM4OCB
73

1676. Re: Alafia River State Park on the air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-12-26 10:45:32 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1675 Message: 1676

Hi Igor,
You are a General so why only 10 meters?
When I go camping at Little Manatee State Park, FL. I use my W5GI antenna. I can operate all bands.
What dates and site number are you going to be at the park? I could come over for a visit.
73----------
Kyle N4NSS <<click this <<Enjoy the Magic of HF Radio. It's just not a hobby, it's an adventure.n4nss@...

1677. World Wide Flora Fauna program.

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-12-26 23:07:20 UTC
From: simmopa@...
Topic: 1677 Message: 1677

Good morning all,

This is a reminder of the World Wide Flora Fauna (WWFF) program.

I have recently been gauging the knowledge in the USA of the WWFF program, after seeing a lot of posts about the upcoming 2016 National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) event. Although there seems to be a lot of interest over there in park activating and hunting, as part of NPOTA, there appears to be very little knowledge regarding the WWFF program.

The WWFF program is incredibly popular here in Australia, and in Europe.

There is a list of USA parks that qualify for the WWFF program. It can be located in the WWFF Directory, which you can download from the 'global' WWFF website, which can be located at……

http://www.wwff.co/ http://www.wwff.co/

If you are in the park at the right time, and propagation is good, I can assure you that you will have a lot of European and Australian park hunters.

Looking forward to some North American WWFF activity.

Best 73 and Merry Christmas.

Paul,
VK5PAS,
Australian co-ordinator WWFF program.

1678. Re: Alafia River State Park on the air

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-12-27 01:17:16 UTC
From: igperezh@...
Topic: 1675 Message: 1678

Hi Kyle, thank you for your response! Honestly, I did not even think about W5GI antenna :-)
I try to use a buddipole mounted on the roof of my motorhome....

73
Igor

1679. NPOTA WWFF

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2015-12-29 07:56:48 UTC
From: fenyo3jw@...
Topic: 1679 Message: 1679

There are few day to start NPOTA

A cross check list NPOTA(ARRL) to KFF(WWFF) you can find at
https://www.dropbox.com/s/uku1yqjorvub6dh/NPOTA_WWFF_crosslist_20151228.pdf?dl=0%2F
https://www.dropbox.com/s/uku1yqjorvub6dh/NPOTA_WWFF_crosslist_20151228.pdf?dl=0%2F

If more WWFF references will be added to KFF it will be also there

Remember

You can rich many nice awards also from WWFF. Only one things don't forget:

You need to upload your log in logsearch as ADIF file
I suggest to sent your log to DF6EX as it is mentioned in WWFF site

at http://www.wwff.co/ http://www.wwff.co/

Scroll it and find info.
To access Logsearch data base at http://logsearch.wwff.co/index.php
http://logsearch.wwff.co/index.php first you need to register, after this you will have a lot of info about WWFF awards. Don't forget to see FAQ!

Wish good luck and healthy 2016 with full of good things

Pit YO3JW - WWFF global award manager

1680. All national parks will offer free admission this Monday the 18th

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2016-01-16 11:55:09 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1680 Message: 1680

This Monday (January 18) marks the commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. All national parks will offer free admission, and several will host special events or volunteer service projects. For more information on these, click here.
73----------
Kyle N4NSS <<click this <<Enjoy the Magic of HF Radio. It's just not a hobby, it's an adventure.

1681. Upcoming Registered NPOTA Events

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2016-02-04 17:55:50 UTC
From: YV5EN - Edwin Rivera
Topic: 1681 Message: 1681

Upcoming Registered National Park Service On the Air Events:

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www.avast.com |

ARRL National Parks on the Air

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| ARRL National Parks on the AirUpcoming Registered National Park Service On the Air Events Registered Events Within 10 Days The following registered on the air events are scheduled to take place within the next ten (10) days. |
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| Ver en npota.arrl.org | Vista previa por Yahoo |
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72, 73,
Edwin - YV5EN (YV5HUJ 1979-2011)

web: yv5en.org
Twitt: @YV5EN

1682. FS_FT-817nd Transceiver Package

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2016-02-17 16:59:52 UTC
From: Kyle N4NSS
Topic: 1682 Message: 1682

1. FT-817nd Transceiver2. Internal rechargeable battery3 Alkaline battery holder4. PA48b charger for internal battery etc.5. rubber duck with right angle connector6. FT-817nd Manual7. extra power cord8. 5A. AC to DC 12 volt power supply with cigarette socket9. AC to DC wall wart charger for VCR batteries Five (5) included10. Cigarette socket on cord11. Mike clip hanger12. tote bagKyle N4NSS n4nss@...
Everything works just fine and looks just as good. Asking $550.00 shipped...OBO
73----------
Kyle N4NSS <<click this <<Enjoy the Magic of HF Radio. It's just not a hobby, it's an adventure.

1683. NPOTA and WWFF

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2016-02-20 13:31:57 UTC
From: fenyo3jw@...
Topic: 1683 Message: 1683

In 2016 ARRL started a new program : NPOTA, National Parks On The Air
ARRL made own rules for this activity limited to 2016 year with special awards, mainly for members.
They introduced a reference number system for their program.
Many of them are also in the WWFF (World Wide FLora & Fauna in Amateur Radio) directory.
ON4VT made a cross list with NPOTA refs and WWFF refs.
You can find it at http://logsearch.wwff.co/NPOTA_WWFF_crossref.pdf
http://logsearch.wwff.co/NPOTA_WWFF_crossref.pdf
Now we're inviting our colleagues from USA to upload their NPOTA logs into logsearch system (if it qualifies with a WWFF reference number) http://logsearch.wwff.co/index.php
http://logsearch.wwff.co/index.php
It will give you the possibility to apply for many free WWFF awards, not limited to 2016!
Also if you activated in the past some areas that are in the WWFF directory, your logs in ADIF format are welcome.
Try to search our site at http://www.wwff.co http://www.wwff.co and "Make nature your shack!"
Come and join WWFF.
73
Pit YO3JW WWFF global award manager

1684. Muke Collis talks Amateur Television

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2016-09-29 01:05:32 UTC
From: wmunsil@...
Topic: 1684 Message: 1684

If you haven't heard of the audio podcast 100 Watts and a Wire it's now up to Episode 65.

On this week's show Mike Collis, WA6VT, is interviewed concerning Amateur Television.

http://100wattsandawire.com/100-watts-and-a-wire/

If you don't want to listen to the whole show his interview starts around 38:10 in and goes most of the way to the end of the show.

Good work, Mike!

Bil Munsil
K1ATV HAM TV
Mesa AZ

1685. Re: Muke Collis talks Amateur Television

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2016-09-29 01:31:45 UTC
From: wmunsil@...
Topic: 1684 Message: 1685

OOPS! I didn't correct Mike's call. It's WA6SVT.

Bil

1686. Thanks for letting me join

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2017-02-24 20:58:08 UTC
From: k5atg@...
Topic: 1686 Message: 1686

Just wanted to say thanks for letting me join. Last year me and a couple of guys in my local radio club met up at a local park to operate our radios for a couple of hours. Now it a standard practice to go operate from a park one - four times a month and several people from other clubs have joined in. We can have anywhere for 3 to 20 people showing up. I usually go to the park by myself to set up for a couple of hours.

1687. Re: [p_o_t_a_] Thanks for letting me join

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2017-02-25 08:48:54 UTC
From: Fenyo Stefan
Topic: 1686 Message: 1687

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On Friday, February 24, 2017 10:58 PM, "k5atg@... [p_o_t_a_]" <p_o_t_a_@...> wrote:

  Just wanted to say thanks for letting me join. Last year me and a couple of guys in my local radio club met up at a local park to operate our radios for a couple of hours. Now it a standard practice to go operate from a park one - four times a month and several people from other clubs have joined in. We can have anywhere for 3 to 20 people showing up. I usually go to the park by myself to set up for a couple of hours.

1688. Fort Hamby and Trail of Tears operation

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2017-04-10 03:05:57 UTC
From: qrpme@...
Topic: 1688 Message: 1688

Hello the group,
I'll be operating 10 April through early 13 April from Fort Hamby State Park and the Trail of Tears in the NC mountains.
I'll work mostly 40/20 meters and 80 evenings.
Assuming I have cell service I'll be posting on these sites:
http://cwfun.org/funspots/gorc/ http://cwfun.org/funspots/gorc/
and
http://cwfun.org/funspots/pota/ http://cwfun.org/funspots/pota/

73 for now,
Randy_KB4QQJ

1689. Happy 1st Day of Summer!

Yahoo group: p_o_t_a_
Date: 2017-06-21 12:16:12 UTC
From: w2ljqrp@...
Topic: 1689 Message: 1689

Happy 1st Day of Summer! And as in the past six years, Skeeter Numbers are being issued for the 2017 NJQRP Skeeter Hunt. This fun Summer time sprint will be held on Sunday, August 20th. But don't wait until the last minute to get YOUR Skeeter number. Send an e-mail to w2lj@arrl.net along with your name, call sign and the state you'll be operating from, and a Skeeter number will be e-mailed back to you.

Need to know what all the buzz is about? POTA is featured this year! See www.qsl.net/w2lj for all the high flying details.

72 de Larry W2LJ